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(VOLUME XXIV.)

[*From January to December 1740.*]

No. 1.

To the Worsh^ll. Ja^s. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

This serves for the present to acknowledge the receipt of Yours of the 1st. Instant, and to advise that We shall agreable to Your request therein, send You a supply of twenty thousand pagodas overland tomorrow, and the Wares You indent for by the Shaftesbury, which Ship will sail for Your Place in two or three days. We are

Fort S^t. George
4th. Jan^ry. 1739/40.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs
Y^r. Affectionate Friends & servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 2.

To the Worsh^ll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

This by order of the President & Council accompanies the supply of twenty thousand Pagodas of which they advised You Yesterday, under charge of the usual number of Peons.

I am

Fort S^t. George
[5]th. January 1739/40.

Worsh^ll. [Sir & Sirs].
Richard Benyon &c^t.

No. 3.

To the Worsh^ll. Ja^s. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

This comes by the Shaftesbury Capt. Matthew Bookey on whom We send You the Wares and Packing stuff you indented for the 1st. Instant as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd.

Inclos'd are this Ship's Charter Party and Calculates of the Tonnage put on board her here & in Bengall which will shew you there remains T. 89 : Ct. 12 : qr. 3 : lb. 22 to be supplied in Bales at your Place; should the Captain request for any Bales over and above his Charter Party Tonnage, you will act agreable to the directions We sent you the 8th. January last year respecting the Princess Mary.

They will also guide you in ordering the survey to be made of Her Men & Warlike Stores, in demanding the Captain's Manifest of Private Trade, in cautioning him against Fire and keeping the Boats long on board with Bales in them and in receiving any money Captain Bookey may offer to pay into Your Cash.

Inclosed is also Copy of His Private Trade manifested in Bengall to be return'd to Us.

What Bales you may have remaining after the Shaftesbury is full, We would have you send up hither as opportunity offers.

Inclos'd is the List of Packing Stuff in the Bales We have put on board the Shaftesbury, which must be added to your own.

Advise us as early as you can when this ship will be ready to sail, that We may prepare & send you Her Dispatches.

We are

[Fort St. George.
7th. Janry. 1739–40].

Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Richd. Benyon
&ct.

[P.S.]
[*a few words lost*] of the
[*do.*] the 10th.
[*do.*] much as
[*do.*] Shaftesbury.

No. 4.

To Captain Matthew Bookey
of the Shaftesbury.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Your ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David, on Your Arrival you are to deliver our Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council, and the Stores We have put on board Your Ship for that Place, and must follow such orders as you shall receive from them, for the loading of Your Ship or any other matters till you receive our Orders for Proceeding to Europe; We wish You well down and date this in Fort St. George this 7th. day of January 1739/40.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 5.

To the Worshll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd yours of the 10th. Instant & your Annual Letter of the 8th. with the accompanying Books and Papers; The last and the several Papers We are obliged at this Juncture to send to England in the Normanton's Packet & would therefore have other con[voys tran]smitted us.

With [...] England our Letter to S^{t}. Helena [...] Dispatch, concerning [...] given you in our [...].

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
16 : JAN^{RY}. 1739.40.

[RICHARD BENYON &C^{T}.]

No. 6.

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{T}. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last We have receiv'd Y^{r}. severals of the 11th. November and of the 11 . 20th. & 24th. December which We shall reply to more particularly by a succeeding conveyance, and here only inclose Invoice & Bills of Lading for the Wares and Stores, We now send you on the Richard.

We are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
23^{D}. JAN^{RY}. 1739–40.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 7.

TO THE HON^{BLE} THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your favours of the 6th. December & 5th. January, the first We receiv'd by the Normanton the 22^{d}. Ultimo, and the Shaftesbury brought Us it's Duplicate the 27th. The Normanton sail'd from this Place for England the 18th. Instant: & the Shaftesbury left Fort S^{t}. David the 21st. neither of those ships took in their full Tonnage, and carried some Bales less than you expected as you have computed the Tonnage of our Bales [...] $5\frac{2}{3}$ to a Ton instead of five & one third $5\frac{1}{3}$ [...] to regard in future.

[...] the Princess Augusta brought Us Your [...] Observe the reason Your Honour &c^{T}. [...] number of Bales to this Place, We think [...] to Dispatch two Ships to England the beginning of September, which will be saving some months demorage and no doubt their Cargoes will be acceptable at the March Sale; as the Duke of Lorrain and the two Ships in September will require about five thousand Bags of Petre to Kintlage them & We have not now including the thousand Bags by the Princess Augusta above five thousand eight hundred Bags, We propose to return the Princess Augusta to you as soon as she can be unloaded, desiring you will return her to Us with saltpetre or if your stock on Hand will not admit of that, please to fill Her up with Rice; We shall send you about twenty chests of Treasure by Her and as much more by the Mercury, which is all We have in the Warehouse, but as We have had some large sums paid into our Cash for Bills of Exchange, we shall as We have opportunity, purchase a further quantity of silver or Rupees, but at present both are scarce here. We observe your sentiments as to the Arcot Rupees, and shall regard what you write Us as near as possible, to send two thirds of the money We send you in Bullion, and but one third in Rupees, all that We have coin'd this year has been Bar silver, and the Madrass Rupees we intend you by the Princess Augusta and Mercury are the produce of part of it.

By this Vessel We send Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. some Letters We receiv'd from Bombay and Tellicherry they will advise You of their apprehensions that the King George Galley, the Britannia & Neptune's Prize Grab founderd in a storm the 10th. November last; we think there is reason to hope they may yet be safe, but as that was uncertain the 4th. December when their last Letter is dated, they have very earnestly pressed us, as We suppose they do Your Honour &c^{t}. to send them all the Men that can be spared from this side. We are very glad [...] in Your favour of the 6th. December [...] stated their desires by the large deta [...] Bombay for We much [...] you before all Your shi[ing ...] here and at Fort S^{t}. David [...] possibly send them any rec. [...].

The Duke of Lorrain arrived here the 23^{d}. Instant she left Canton, the 20th. November, the Augusta was to be dispatch'd for England from thence about the middle of December and the other two ships the beginning of Jan^{ry}. The Harrington left Malacca bound to Bombay the 1st. December.

We are,
Honble. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Fort S^{t}. George
25th. Jan^{ry}. 1739/40.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano

No. 8.

To the Worsh^{ll}. Robert Lennox Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{r}. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Our last by the sloop Carolina bore date the 28th. September, and acknowledged the receipt of your Letters by the Galatea and George: You have copy of it inclosed.

Having since then referred the examination of the several Books and papers that [...] said Letters to Messrs. Morse and [... Comm]ittee for affairs of the West Coast [...] for Us thereof have here also inclosed for Your [...] being generally approv'd and[...] are to have the same re [...] all; what further direct[ions ...] at this time to give in [...] thereof, and in reply to your abovemention'd Letters, you will find under the following Heads.—

First concerning Shipping.

When We last wrote you We intended the Princess Augusta to you at this season, but the Gentlemen in Bengall not having return'd her to Us so early as we expected, We have resolv'd on sending the George back to You & dispatch her thus early as the means most likely to prevent her making such long and tedious passages as she did the last Trip, and we expect that You contribute all you can towards preventing the like in Her return hither.

With respect to the protest you deliver'd Captain Smith on account of his ship not being able to sail sooner for Borneo, We think with the Committee that our Honourable Masters will expect it should have been done sooner, which We repeat here as a rule to You for the future in cases of a like nature.

Your several other Transactions taken notice of under this Head being consonant to the directions you have at several times receiv'd from England & this place We have no occasion to remark particularly thereon.

SECONDLY, GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FORT ST. GEORGE.

By the Somerset that left Bengall in November for Your place We suppose the Gentlemen there have complied with our request in sending You such of the stores You indented for as were procurable there. The George brings you [the] remainder as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed [. . .]

[. . .] after the so often repeated [. . .] on for the storekeeper Pay [. . .] compare their rem [. . .] the committee should still [. . .] remark that the storekeeper on [. . .]

There appearing so much reason to believe the deficiencies in Mr. Savage's Accounts have proceeded only from the causes assigned in your 19th. Paragraph We permit them to be wrote off.

The Treasure consigned us on the George came out agreable to Invoice; We receiv'd also the Arcot Rupees paid in by Captain Westcott: As to the Exchange you were right in referring it to our Honourable Masters whom We have desired to signify their pleasures on the rate You brought them to account at, whether they shall think the Penny they are gainers thereby, comparing it with what they allow in the Bay is equivalent to their risque of the money hither.

Inclosed is Manifest of Goods licenced on the George.

THIRDLY, INVESTMENTS, FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

The larger produce of Pepper this year than last We look on as an instance that the proper care has been taken to encourage the growth of it, and the examples pointed out to us by the Committee of Fining the notoriously negligent and shewing favour to the industrious as means the most likely to conduce to that end; though We think the building Godowns at Manna, Bental and Ipoo (the usefulness whereof is very visible to us and which We with pleasure observe are selling about, will contribute not a little thereto, as thereby those valuable purposes may be served which We find recited in the Sultan's Letter to you of the 8th. and your Consultation of the 10th. October; We shall only repeat here what We have so often said before that the encreasing the Investment by the most proper and effectual Measures will always be esteemed the most acceptable [. . .] ce [. . .] plea [. . .] greatest Merit with our Honourable [. . .]

Observe you have made several orders for [. . .] such as relate to trusting the [. . .] &c^{t}. We approve, and the others also [. . .] only cautions to the People under You [. . . consider] able risques; but no more: and therefore [. . .] explain'd, for we do not think the good of the Settlement concern'd in them, and they seem to retrench that Liberty of Trade which our Honourable Masters allow to all their Servants in general.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS & REVENUES.

In the method you are fallen into of covering with Tyles, as a security against Fire you represent a want of Persons skilled in laying them which We hope you may furnish Yourselves with from Batavia, but We are at a loss to know what the sort of Tyles is, which We see charged at 16 Dollars a thousand, if they are of the sorts used here of which We send you some by the George, are excessive dear and would not cost us above half a Pagoda ℘ 1000, and We could supply you with sufficient from hence by the Company's Vessels, if the Persons with You who make the flat ones, cannot perform this sort of work.

As Teak is the most durable wood We would have none else used in Your Buildings and think it for the Company's advantage that you procure what you can from Batavia we send you by the George some Planks saw'd into Joices.

We concurr in opinion with the Committee that it will be proper to continue the south East and China buildings as they are for the present servicable, till your other buildings are finish'd But not to lay out any thing considerable in repairs on

them. We have again represented to our Honourable Masters the great want you are in of slaves to forward those Works & hope they will take effectual means to supply you.

[. . .] about any repairs [. . .] board, preparatory [. . .] necessary to be done [. . . calc]ulate of the expence, the [. . mu]st be complied with a [. . .]

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

When you receive the produce of M^{r}. Innes's Goods you must pass the ballance to our Account.

The present state of our Garrison will not permit us to send you any Recruits nor have We been able to get any Arabs.

Captain Taylor's demand for the maintenance of the Transports and Slaves, which you referr'd to Us has been paid here.

We observe you have paid out of Lieutenant Horne's Estate a Debt due to Captain Eckman in full which was wrong since his Estate will not pay every body: besides it was an old Debt and by long prescription it has been the practice here to appropriate the Goods carried on any ship to pay the Money taken up at Respondentia for purchase of such Goods; For the future therefore you must avoid the like. If any Person dies with you who has no accounts with other parts of India you may divide his Estate, but if you have reason to beleive He is so indebted you should deferr making a dividend or any payment till a reasonable time has been allow'd for claims to be brought in from such places.

SEVENTHLY ACCOUNTS.

The several causes of the increase in your expences for the last Year pointed out to Us in the inclos'd Report appearing unavoidable We need not remark particularly on them, and shall only take occasion to remind You that our Hon̄ble masters always esteem any savings in their Expences, a valuable service.

SUPPLEMENT.

By this ship We send you 28 Coffree Women slaves, and [. . .] children, three Boys two Girls with three [. . . na]mely, Morgen, Vencatass and [. . .]

Worship^{ll}. Sir & Sirs
Y^{r}. Affectionate Friends & Servants
RICHARD BENYON &C^{A}.

FORT [S^{T}. GEORGE]
28TH. J[ANUARY 1739/40].

P.S.—When [. . .] to Y^{r}. arrack & [. . .] quantity but Capt. [. . .] Worms w^{ch}. [. . .] He told [. . .] would bring could have you [. . .].

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON THE GEORGE CAPTAIN JOHN TAYLOR BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^{T}.

BY MR. MORSE FOR M^{R}. RIGG.

3	Long Cloth White	4	10	135	—	—		
1	Sallampores White ..	4	—	56	—	—		
1	Sallampores Blue	4	—	68	—	—		
3	Long Cloth Middling Blue.	9	—	225	—	—		
8							484 — —	

By [Mr. Morse] for Mr. Coles.

6	Long Cloth White ..	9	—	270	—	—			
1	Sallampores Blue	4	—	68	—	—			
1	Long Cloth Middling Blue.	3	—	75	—	—			
1	Syrashes White & Red ..	14	2	100	—	—			
1	Conchees White	10	—	60	—	—			
1	Surat Chints	10	—	100	—	—			
1 {	Handkerchiefs	4	—	80	—	—			
	Cossacs & Hummums ..	3	—	105	—	—			
1 {	Taffaties	—	10	18	—	—			
	Moorees Blue	2	—	45	—	—			
13							921	—	—

By Ditto for Mr. Haag.

1	Patoolaes	2	10	95	—	—			
1	Long Cloth White	1	10	45	—	—			
1	Sallampores White ..	4	—	56	—	—			
2	Sallampores Blue	8	—	136	—	—			
1	Syrashes	7	—	128	—	—			
6							460	—	—

By Captain Taylor for Himself.

4	Long Cloth White ..	6	—	180	—	—			
5	Sallampores Blue	20	—	340	—	—			
2	Long Cloth Blue	6	—	150	—	—			
1 {	Syrashes White	10	— }						
	Malda Cossaes	1	— }	100	—	—			
	Pallampores	—	10 }						
1	Baroches	—	1[..]	35	–	—			
13							805	—	—

By Mr. Thomas Clarke for [...]

2	Long Cloth White .. }						
4	Sallampores White .. }	..	[. . .]	..	[...]		
2	Sallampores Blue .. .. }						
1	Syrashes & Handkerchiefs .. }						
9	.. ..				[..0]	—	—
49	Bundles and Bales.			Fagods.	[3140]	—	—

By Mr. Edward Fowke for Capt. William's.

3	Slops	250	12	—

By Mr. Hallyburton for Capt. Sterling.

B. 3 Ct. 1 Bs.	} Slops		300	9	—			
1	Long Cloth Middling Blue	2	53	27	—			
2	Long Cloth Ordinary White	2	72	—	—			
1 {	Cambays	3	77	—	—			
	Handkerchiefs	3	40	18	—			
8						543	18	—

By Mr. Edward Fowke for Mr. Robt. Hindley.

1	Slops	.. ..	116	26	40	—
61	Chests Bundles and Bales	.. Amots. to Pagod .	4050	20	40	—

Fort St. George 28th January 1739/40.

John Savage
Secry.

No. 9.

To Captain John Taylor
of the George.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board Yr. ship, and make the best of your way to Fort Marlborough, on the West Coast of Sumatra, where you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council, whose orders are to direct your future proceedings.

On your return to this Coast you must call in at Fort St. David to bring hither what Bales the Deputy Governour & Council may have ready there. Dated in Fort St. George the [28]th. day of January 1739/40.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 10.

To the Honble Stephen Law Esqr.
President and Govr. &cr. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 7th. Instant we receiv'd your favour of the 4th. December wherein you advise Us of the storm which the Prince William and the Major part of Your Fleet met with the 10th. November last and your apprehensions that except the Europe Ship and the Gallivats which were arriv'd with you the rest were Lost, unless they were got down to Tellicherry; We are sorry to advise you that except the Rose Galley which left the Fleet when the storm came on, We have as yet receiv'd no news from thence of the rest, which gives us the more sensible concern because it is out of our power to send you any recruits from hence, Our Garrison being very thin of Europeans and the Topasses We have here would be of no service to you being little better than our common Cooleys: We are also to advise You that We have been assured from Arcott that the Morattas intend an Irruption into this Country and a large Body of them have actually enter'd Corrapa which borders upon this province: having for some time been apprenhensive of their March this way, We wrote to the Gentlemen at Calcutta to send us some Europeans from thence if they could be spared, but they tell us they could not comply with our request, having sent a large detachment to your Island and should also be obliged to supply the Company's Ship Richmond that lost many Hands in her outward bound Passage, since it is out of our Power to send you an[y] Recruits from hence We are very glad you will receive so good a supply from the Bay, and We are not without hopes that you have long before this time had the satisfaction of seeing the missing [Vess]-els safe return'd to You. Our Northerly Wind[. . .]ed so far as this season that the [V ... Pac]ket to the Gentlemen at[. . .]. Days ago.

The [. . .] 18th. and the Shaftesbury [. . .] for England; The Duke of [. . .] from China before the 23d. and We hope will be ready to receive Her Dispatches by the 20th. of next month.

We are

Fort St. George
31st. Janry. 1739/40.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants,

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.

No. 11.

To William Wake Esqr.
Chief &ct. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs,

The 7th. and 10th. Instant We receiv'd your severals of the 13th. and 15th. December with the Packets from Bombay for this Place and Bengall, the last We sent forward by the first Conveyance that offer'd: We are impatient for your next Advices hoping those will bring Us more agreable news of that Part of the Bombay Fleet that was missing: Our Garrison in the present situation of the Country about Us being so extreemly weak that it puts it out of our power to send them any recruits from hence. We are however advised they will receive a large Detachment from Bengall and We agree with You that there is room to hope the missing Vessels may be safe; We return You thanks for the several other advices in your Letter We are

Fort St. George
31st. Jan[uary] 1739/40.

Sirs
Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.

No. 12.

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what We wrote your Honr. &ct. the 25th. Ultimo by the Triplicane Grab (copy of which is inclosd) We now send you on the Mercury twenty Chests of Treasure Ten Rupees and Ten Bullion as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosd; The Princess Augusta will follow this ship in three or four days, with about the like supply.

Herewith your Honour &ct. will receive the Duplicate Bombay and Tellicherry Packets for your Presidency. We are.

Fort St. George
2d. Febry. 1739/40.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

N°. 13.

To M^{R}. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddepollam.

Sir

Since our last We have receiv'd your's of the 6th. November & 24th. December, the latter accompanying you Cloth on the Triton.

We shall deferr till your Cloth is all sorted the remarks We have to make thereon and have only to inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Stores We send you on the Rebecca Brigantine in compliance with your Indent.

We are

[Sir]

[Your affectionate Friends.]

Richard Benyon &c^{T}.

Fort S^{T}. George
2^{D}. Feb^{RY}. 1739/40.

N°. 14.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq^{R}.
Deputy Govern^{R}. &c^{T}. Council of Fort S^{T}. David.

Wosh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd Your severals of the 21st. 26th. & 29th. January and the Mary Brigantine is arrived with the 225 Bales of Callicoes.

We observe by Your last that Hussanally Cawn the Nabobs youngest son is soon expected at Tivady, and your reasons why it may be necessary to make him a Present: It's but too well kown in the Province the Power which the Nabob's Sons assume to themselves independent of their father, and which has fixed a necessity of paying greater court to them, than to the Nabob himself: If We mistake not the Country about you is more particularly under the Government of Hussanally Cawn and it may be imprudent to let him pass by you a second time without sending some Persons to wait on him with a suitable Present and therefore We leave it to You to act in that respect as you see necessary & so We do in case the Nabob should also come your way, but as to him We are told he designs back to Arcot, and that he has actually left Allumparrah: We shall to day send you by Cooleys some Embossed Cloth and Velvets, which is all that We have in our Warehouse fit for Presents.

We are

Fort S^{T}. George
5: Feb^{RY}. 1739/40.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

N°. 15.

[To . . .]
Worsh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs

[. . .] order of the President & Council waits on [. . .] who oring you two Pieces of Embossed Cloth and three Pieces of Velvet, as ⅌ the inclos'd Account of their Cost.

I am with much respect,

Fort S^{T}. George
5TH. Feb^{RY}. 1739/40.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servant

John Savage
Sec^{ry}.

No. 16.

To the Honble. Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Mercury carried you our last dated the 2^d^. (Duplicate of which is inclos'd,) this waits on you by our Honble Masters Ship Princess Augusta, & We have laden Tutanaigue and Treasure on her as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd We have before desired your Honour &c^t^. to return her to us with Salt Petre or Rice: She will have little time to stay with you this Trip, but as We propose to send her back to you soon after She returns here We shall then desire she may be sheathed with you, in the best manner it can be perform'd, and We hope may be done without hurting her, as it was for the George, which ship still proves a light Vessel, We therefore now send on the Princess Augusta some sheathing Boards, which will be mention'd in the Invoice & are put on board this Trip [*sic*] the better to raise her Tutanague. We have put on board her one thirteen Inch Europe Cable which We desire you will change for another more fit for her burthen; We wish her safe to you and are.

Fort S^t^. George
6th. Febr^ry^. 1739/40.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Richard Benyon &c^t^.

No. 17.

To Captain George Goring
of the Princess Augusta.

Sir

On rec[eipt] hereof you are to repair on board Y^r^. Ship and make the best of your Way for [the] Port of Calcutta in Bengall, on [. . . lost] accompanying Packet to the President [. . .] to direct your future Proceeding [. . .]. [6th] February 1739/40.

[Richard Benyon &c^t^.]

No. 18.

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This incloses Duplicate of our last & second Bill of Lading for Tutanague and Treasure sent you on the Princess Augusta, with Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Bullion and Rupees we now Consign you on the Pembroke, being all that remin'd in our Warehouse. We are

Fort S^t^. George
8th. Febry. 1739/40.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 19.

To Charles Simpson Esq^{R}.
Chief &c^{T}. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The 23^{d}. past We acknowledged the receipt of several Letters from you, since when We have received yours of the 14th. inclosing Your Cash and Paymaster's accounts, and desiring a further supply of twenty thousand Rupees: as to this last We cannot see that you can at present be in any immediate want for them, as the ballance of your cash in Rupees was by the last Account upwards of Eighty thousand and as the Southerly Monsoon, is now setting in, We shall [have . . .] many opportunities to supply you before you [. . .] We have some Gold in our Mint and [. . .] Madrass Pagodas so soon as they can be [. . .].

The [clo]th is not yet all sorted but we shall[. . .] account how it turns out; It has been [. . .] of from home, that such part of Your [. . .] Vizagapatam is too much conjeed: What you have sent up now white has the same fault, and You must take care in future to mend it.

By this Vessel, comes M^{r}. Thomas Saunders whom We have appointed Second of Council at Vizagap̃tm and when the next ships arrive from Europe We hope to be able to spare you some more Covenanted Servants to assist in carrying on the Business at your Place.

Our Honourable Masters by the last ships have been pleas'd to order that the cash at all their Settlements should be lock'd up under three Keys, to be kept by the Chief and the two next in Council and the Ballance to be produced monthly upon reading the Cash Account: M^{r}. Simpson having been alone the last year it was needless to advise you thereof before, but now that We send Mr. Saunders, We direct that it be complied with except five thousand Rupees and two thousand Pagodas, which may be kept by the Chief alone for all ordinary occasions, but the whole Ball^{ce}. must be produced Monthly in Consultation.

In our Letter of the 13th. February last Year We recommended to you to allow all your Inhabitants without distinction a full Liberty of Trade and We must now also recommend to you a regular and impartial Administration of Justice as being not less essential to the welfare of the Place; and that there may be no complaints of any hardships either from delay or other Reasons: We direct that when any Person is confined in the Choultry, at his own House, or elsewhere, or put under the charge of Peons, the cause thereof shall be reported next Consultation, which Consultation shall be held within three days & the Person so committed to custody, shall be continued or discharged as shall be then agreed.

We permit you [to] pay M^{r}. Thomas Pitt the same allowances for Diet & [...] those in the same station have at Ingeram.

We [. . .] M^{r}. Gibson here, If there are [. . .] will be to agree [. . .] administration in [. . .] in the Estate & pay as [. . .].

Fort S^{T}. George
14 Febr^{y}. 1739/40.

[We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon &c^{a}.]

No. 20.

To the Worsh^{ll}. James Hubbard Esq^{R}.
Deputy Governour &c^{T}. Council of Fort S^{T}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd yours of the 9th. Instant, & observe your Merchants proposals for Bringing in three thousand Bales of Cloth by the end of January next: They have perform'd so well this last season, that We are willing to believe with you they

are in earnest, and will be able to execute what they have propos'd. We observe also they require an advance of fifty thousand Pagodas in their Hands; This is a large sum but as you are of opinion they may well be trusted with it, and that a less sum will not enable them to carry on the business, & have also as a further security engaged Irshapa Chetty to join with the other two, We have agreed to consent to your advancing them that Sum, & so We do that the Brokerage to be allow'd them on the several sorts of Cloth, be the same as the Merchants were allow'd last year; as to Blue Cloth the Company Indent but for three thousand Pieces, & we cannot consent to your receiving any more.

We observe what you write about providing Cloth at Salem, & the price of fanams being established there at 23½ the Pagoda which used to be at 24⅝ to 25, you impute this to Nanjan Chitty's engrossing them, but We wish it does not rather proceed from the baseness of the Pagodas of this Province, however that be the Company seem so well pleas'd with the Salem Cloth, that We are unwilling to drop it without We could be sure it would have that effect which you imagine by leaving off to provide any cloth there for a year. And as for the French Merchants we are of opinion, no agrement of this sort with them is to be depend[ed] on longer than they are in want of Money, which we are told is the case at Present.

All we can say at present to the other proposal of your Merchants that no Agents from ours be emply'd to provide Good[s] at Salem, Chemanckpollam & Warriapollam is that We shall endeavour to draw them off from thence as soon as We can: The Duke of Lorr[ain] being near [.........]tch, We have not time to discourse our [merch]ants upon [. . .] subject, but we shall let you [. . .] the Ship saild.

[...]nted your Merchants will be ready [. . .] try & observing the ballance of y^r^. [. . .] 10994 Pagodas, We have resolved [. . .] pagodas by Peons overland which will [. . . .] morrow morning if the Weather sets in[...]. [We are]

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Y^r^. affectionate Friends & Servants,
Richard Benyon &c^a^.

No. 21.

To the Worsh^ll^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

This by order of the President & Council accompanies the supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas of which they advised you this morning. I am

Fort S. George
15th. Feb^ry^. 1739/40.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servant
John Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 22.

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was the 8th. Instant by the Pembroke Duplicate of which is inclosed; The 21st. Inst^t^. the Fort S^t^. George Sloop brought us your favour of the 21st. January: The Princess Louisa Sloop arrived the 22^d^. with that of the 28th. January: The first has landed her cargo & We now return her to you with about five & twenty

tons of Tutanague as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed We have order'd her to call in at Vizagapatam to put some Money ashore there, as we shall likewise the Princess Louisa that will follow this Sloop in a Day or two.

We have given orders for making the seals which shall be sent you as soon as they are finished. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
26 FEBRY. 1739/40.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
[. . . .]

No. 23.

TO CHARLSS SIMPSON ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have taken the opportunity by this Sloop Fort St. George to send you a supply of seven thousand Madrass Pagodas for which a Bill of Lading is inclosed: a further supply of the like sum will follow in a day or two on the Sloop Princess Louisa.

The Master of this Sloop has our orders to make no longer stay with you than to land the Treasure, you must not therefore detain him.

You must bring these Madrass Pagodas to account at Ten 10 ℔ Cent Batta. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
26: FEBRY. 1739/40.

GENTLEMEN,
Yr. Affectionate Friends,

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 24.

TO MR. WILLIAM HILLMAN
MASTER OF SLOOP FORT ST. GEORGE

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Your vessell & make the best of your way to Vizagapatam, where you are to make no longer stay than to deliver the Treasure now laden [on y]ou, and the accompanying Letter as directed [. . .] there: you must then proceed to Bengal [. . .] other Packet you receive herewith [. . .] Fort William, whose orders orders are [. . .] Dated in Fort St. George this day of [26th. February 1739]-40.

RICHARD BENYON, &CA.

No. 25

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Agreable to what we wrote Your Honor. &cr. the 26th. Instant of which the foregoing is Duplicate, We now return the Sloop Princess Louisa to you with about five and twenty Tons of Tutanague on our Honourable Masters account, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed. We are,

Fort St. George
28. Febry. 1739-40.

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most humble servants,

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 26.

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

The foregoing is Duplicate of what We wrote you the 26th. Instant by the Sloop Fort St. George conformable thereto We now send you on the Sloop Princess Louisa the further supply of seven thousand Madrass Pagodas as ℔ Bill of Lading inclosed. These also are to be brough[t] to account at Ten 10 ℔ cent Batta. We are,

Fort St. George
28. Febry. 1739-40.

Gent[lemen]
[Your affec]tionate Friends
[. . .]

No. 27.

To Mr. Jonathan Ransom,
Master of the Sloop Princess Louisa.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your Vessel and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam, where you are to make no longer stay than to deliver the Treasure now laden on you, and the accompanying Letter to the Chief and Council there: you must then proceed to Bengall, where you are to deliver the other Packet you receive herewith, to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 28th. day of February 1739-40.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 28.

To the Worsh^{ll}. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

This serves by order of the President and Council to advise that a supply of twenty thousand Pagodas will be sent you overland by Peons tomorrow evening, and that M^{r}. Foxal has their Permission to come up hither [agrea]ble to his request in your Letter of the 3^{d}. Instan[t]

Fort S^{t}. [George]
[6th March 1739–40]

I am,
Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs,
Your most humble Servant
John Savage
Secr^{y}.

No. 29.

To the Worsh^{ll}. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

This accompanies the supply of twenty thousand Pagodas under charge of thirty Peons, of which I was order'd to advise you Yesterday.

Fort S^{t}. George
7th. March 1739–40.

I am,
Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs
Y^{r}. most humble Servant
John Savage
Secr^{y}.

No. 30.

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last by the Princess Louisa Sloop, We have receiv'd your favour of the 4th. Feb^{ry}. by the Sloop Calcutta, which We now return to you with the remainder of the Tutanague and thirteen thousand and seventy six Rupees and a half, being the ballance which remain'd in our Mint as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lad[ing] inclosed.

We [have or]der'd the Master of this sloop to call in [. . .] the President ashoar there [. . . directly] for the Bay.

[Fort S^{t}. George
13th March 1739–40.]

[. . .]

No. 31.

To M^{r}. Richard Prince
Resid^{t}. at Ingeram.

Sir

As you are now upon Y^{r}. departure for Ingeram, We think proper to give you the following Instructions.

The Company's Standard measure of the Long Cloths is seventy two covids long and two and six Inches broad and of the Salampores thirty two long & two and a Quarter broad, and the Buyers at the sale expect they should hold out that, and though the Company have not forbid taking in the O chop, the measure of which is

specified in the Invoices from Ingeram, yet they have frequently, and still continue to complain that the Ingeram Cloth does not hold out according to the Measure in the Invoice, You must be particularly carefull therefore to prevent all further complaint upon this Account.

You carry with you Musters out [of] the Warehouse of the Izzarees, Fine Long Cloths and Salampores: Of the first you seem to be in doubt whether you can procure above five hundred pieces in the Year, but if you can make up a thousand, th[ey] will be acceptable, you must however be sure to keep up to the Muster, what the Company complain of in th[ose] they have from hence, is, that they are too thin, & if tha[t] fault cannot be mended with you, We may as well provide them here. As to the Fine Long Cloth & Salampore we think you will not be able to procure more than We shall have [occasion for] and therefore We say, get all you [. . .] been a constant complaint of the [. . .] that it is ill cured & too soft [. . .] Fine Cloth is now generally apply [. . .] must endeavour to get the Thread [. . .] much as is ready to send us in August let it come up brown, but that which you send us in December must be cured with you, as We cannot hope to do it here in time to send home this season, & We hope you will be able to mend the defect complain'd of in the colour.

As you have instructions now to provide more sorts of cloth than formerly, you must be particular at the foot of your Letters to Us, how much you have of each sort embaled, at the Washers and Brown.

The Master of the Calcutta Sloop has orders to put you a shoar at Ingeram, and then to proceed to the Bay, you must not detain him longer than to land the Stores We send with you, as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed.

Mr. Andrews in his Letter writes us that he has procurd a Letter from Chicklis Cawn's Duan to Anawardee Cawn, wherein He assures him that He will take no Batta on our Pagodas at Golcondah and orders him not to take any on what circulates in his Province, We dont know what effect it may have, but you carry with you also a Letter from the President to the Nabob on the same Subject, and We hope you will be able to prevail with him that they may pass as formerly.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
[1]3 March 1739/40.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Will[iam M]onson.
[George Torriano.]

No. 32.

To Mr. Philip Parzons
Master of the Sloop Calcutta.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your vessel, and make the best of your way to Ingeram, where you are to make no longer stay than to set Mr. Prince our Resident ashore, with the Wares and Store We have put on board you for that place: you must then proceed to Calcutta where you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the President and Council, whose orders are to direct yr. future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 13th. day of March 1739-40.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse
William Monson.
George Torriano

No. 33

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq^{R}.
Deputy Governour &c^{T}. Council of Fort S^{T}. David.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs

Since what We wrote you the 15th. February, We have receiv'd your severals of the 13th. & 15th. of that Month, and of the 3^{d}. Instant, With the first We receiv'd the 229 Bales of Calicoes by the Mary Brigantine, & We should have sent you the Cartridge Paper you Indented for by the return of that vessel, but [We] had not then any in store, We are endeavouring to purchase the q[uan]tity you write for, in town, and hope to send it you b[y the] next conveyance.

Since our said L[et]ter of the 15th. February we have [had seve]ral discourses with our Merchants, relating to your [. . .] proposal that all Agents from the Madrass Mer[chants . . . em]ploy [. . . Chem]anackpollam, Worriar-[pollam . . .] sales [. . .] to the two first places [. . .] to be very fond of providing [. . .] necessary to getting in their Old [. . .] not to be brought to the giving up [. .] have any opinion, that any [. . .] such as to be depended [. . .] they are too apt to make and evade them, as it suits their conveniency besides they say That it is not only the French & We who provide Cloth in that Country, but there are many Agents there also from the Dutch and Danes, as well as from the People of Porto Novo, and though all may not provide so good a sort as We do, yet that there is no doubt the Weavers will find full Employment; We wish We could think with you that the Pagodas which pass in the Country were all of them as good this Year as last, but We have very good reason to say that large parcels have been lately coin'd that are much worse, and though our seal'd Bags are kept as near to Eighty touch as the Judgement of our Shroff will admit of, yet our Merchants exchange them here for other Money which is as current in the Country, receiving a Batta upon our seal'd Bags from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Cent, but whatever there may be in your reasons or our Merchants objections they tell Us positively, That if they are restrain'd from providing Cloth at Salem they cannot hope to make an Investment elsewhere, for what of the Company's Sorts is manufactured in this part of the Country is next to nothing, and though some Parcels of Cloth from Salem do sometimes come worse than at other times, yet that what is Manufactured at Warriarpollam and Chemanackpollam has of late been much worse in proportion; Indeed if We were to give credit to all that they tell Us, there would be no want of Cloth from Salem so long as there was Money to purchase it: however We beleive it certain that Country produces the best and largest quantities, and if there be any advantage accruing from the French being quiet there at present which We still impute rather to their want of Money than any other reason. We say our present thoughts are That We ought not to slip it and lose the opportunity of increasing the Investment especially as We wrote you before that it is a sort of Cloth the Company seem to be pleas'd with.

From [what] we have said above we think none of our Merchants [will inter]fere much with Yours at Warriarpollam & Chem[anackpol]lam, and [if] We may give credit to what they [say there will be] full room for them and yours too at Salem [. . .]ping [. . .] much with one another, and therefore We depend upon the assurances Y^{r}. Merchants give you, That they will endeavour to provide as much Cloth as they can for the Company, and will hope notwithstanding that they will be able to procure as much as they at first propos'd. We are

Fort S^{T}. George
17TH. March 1739/40.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs
Y^{r}. affectionate Friends & Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 34

To the Honble Thom^s^. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Royal Guardian Captain Henry Hoadley very unexpectedly anchor'd in our road the 3^d^. Instant at night. She was bound to Bombay & China; having reason to beleive there were Packets for this Place & Bengall in the Anjengo Packet, We desired the Captain to send for it ashoar, & having open'd it this morning in Council besides one for this Place We found a Packet also directed to Your Presidency which We send herewith under the care of Captain Richards of the William Brigantine. We are

Fort S^t^. George
the 7th. April 1740.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 35

To the Worsh^ll^. Ja^s^. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

This by order of the President & Council accompanies one thousand 1000 Pagodas worth of Fanams under charge of 9 Peons, in compliance with Your request of the 1st. Instant. I am

Fort S^t^. George,
the 7th. April 1740.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servant

John Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 36

To the Worsh^ll^. Ja. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your request in your Letter of the 1st. Instant we sent you yesterday a thousand Pagodas worth of our Fanams, and shall be very glad if you can make them of use to you.

We observe what you write of Hussain Ally Caun, but how far soever he may bluster & talk big we think he will not venture to commit any Act of Hostility against you, it is true not only He, but all the Nabobs sons act too much independant of their Father, but however in an affair wherein He cannot be certain of the consequence We think He will first take the advice & consent of the Nabob and We think we may be sure if he does that the Nabob will refuse the last till he has first [brought] about it here. As to the Trichinopoly Braminy, if We are rightly inform'd Chunda Saib made a prior demand for him & therefore if He was in your Bounds which you say he is not, We think he could not be [returned] to Hussain Ally

Caun till Chundah Said had withdrawn his claim though We think if the Braminy was with you We should consider whether it would be proper [to] deliver [him] up to either at least till it was made fully app[ear that he w]as ind[ebted] to the surcar.

You cannot be ignorant that it is no new thing among the Moors to say and threaten many things which they have no intention to perform, when they have any expectations it will have an Effect to extort Money, and there are never wanting those about them who know where to place their Agents in order to alarm those against whom their designs are levelled and therefore though it may be prudent for you to be upon your Guard yet outwardly We think you should seem to discredit the reports which are given out in his name, by imputing them to the contrivance of some idle fellows that delight in mischief, who have no other intention but to alarm & terrify your Inhabitants: We are otherwise inclined to beleive this is really the case because we observe none of these threats came directly from Hussain Ally Caun, He will be cautious how He gives any such thing under his own hand: We should not fail to send it directly to the Nabob, and in fine if he should contrary to our expectations begin any hostilities or otherwise molest your Affairs We doubt not We shall be able to make such effectual representation to the Nabob as will soon put a stop to his proceedings, We do not as yet think it proper to write about it to Arcot, beleiv^g. it will be denied that Hussain Alley Caun has any such thought or intention, & that it is a notion that proceeds only from surmise & the Apprehensions of our own people; however we are impatient till We hear the ten thousand Pagodas stopt at Wolendore is clear'd; If there be any delay in the matter you must let us know it that no time may be lost in making proper application to the Nabob.

We are

Fort S^T. George
the 8TH. April 1740.

Worsh^LL. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Serv^ts.
Richard Benyon &c^T.

No. 37

To the Honble Stephen Law Esq^R.
President and Governour &c^T. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote your Honour &c^t. the 31st. Jan^ry. by two conveyances, and the 3^d. past receiv'd Your favour of the 22^d. December and as We have not to this day receiv'd any advice of M^r. Rigby and the three vessels under his command, We fear with you they Perished in the Storm. We advised Your Honour &c^t. in our last that the State of our Garrison and the situation We were in could not possibly admit of our sending you any Recruits from hence, but We have the satisfaction to hear by Private Advices from the Bay that the Vessel by which we sent Your Packet to the Gentlemen of Calcutta they dispatch'd soon after her arrival with seventy or Eighty Europeans for your side and as We hear nothing of her on this Coast We hope she has been able to get her Passage round the Island, which We shall be very glad to have confirm'd because of the disappointment it must be to you that the Royal Guardian did not get her Passage to the Malabar Coast: She Anchor'd in our road the 3^d. Instant at night & We referr you to the inclosed copy of the Captain's Letter to us, for the reasons of his bearing away for this Place.

As We had reason to beleive there were Packets for this Place and the Bad under cover to the Chief and Council of Anjengo We desired the Captain to send for the Packet ashoar directed for that Settlement which We open'd in his presence any took out the Packets direct'd for this side, after which We immediately sealed up the other Papers and deliver'd them again into his care.

Our Honourable Masters are pleased to advise us of the arrival of the following ships in England.

Hallifax	6 April.
Wilmington	8 D°.
Queen Caroline	14th. May.
Lyell	2d. June.
Royal George	2d. June.
Beaufort	9th. June.
King William	9th. June.
Onslow	18th. June.
Prince of Wales	12th. July.
London	12th. July.
Prince of Orange	12th. July.
Princess Royal	12th. July.
Godolphin	12th. July.

These last [l]eft St. Helena the 16th. May at which time none of their other Ships were at that Island.

The Duke Captain Thomas Hindman Commander sail'd for Bencoolen the 25th. May with orders to be sent from thence to Benjar for a loading of Pepper but if the Deputy Governour &. Council should have reason to beleive such a Cargo could not be procured at Borneo they were in that case directed to consign the ship to Tellicherry.

Our honourable Masters are also pleased to write us as follows, "Affairs in "Europe at present have a Warlike aspect by Spain's non compliance with the "inclosed convention: A General Embargo has been laid on all Ships, and there has "been a hot press some months past for Manning three strong Squdroons which his "Majesty has fitted out to cruize in the Mediterranean, West Indies and the English "Channel; Letters of Marque & Reprizal have also been granted against Spain, as "℘r the inclos'd London Gazette.

"Whether France may intermeddle in the present Quarrel is as yet not know "but greatly to be apprehended.

"So that you must be on yr: Guard and take all proper previous measures for "the safety of our Settlement, Estate and Shipping, in case a War [sh]ould [b]reak "out between us and France, & our Ships must be order'd to keep Company home-"ward bound."

This is in our Honourable Masters Letter to us of the 3d: August, but the 31st: of last Month the St: Gerant Monsr: La Fouche Commander Arrived at Pondicherry: She left France the 30th: October N: S: and Monsr: Dumas writes our President, that when that Ship came out all Europe was in perfect Tranquility.

Captain Hoadley seems at present inclined to lye here till the end of September next; when he leaves us We shall take the opportunity to supply you with the Iron Ordnance & Hollands Duck, if the Company as We expect they will send Us any by the Ships bound directly for this place.

Upon this Ship are Passengers Messrs: Hatton & Hope Covenanted servants, Captain Lane of the Military, and there were forty two soldiers on board, Eight of them died in the Passage, & most of the rest are at present in our Hospital: We hope they will all recover and be in a condition to go on with the Ship when she leaves us.

The Defence was at the Cape the 10th: January homeward bound.

We are

Fort St: George
10th: April 1740.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 38

To William Wake Esq[r].
Chief &c[r]: Council at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

The occasion of this Dispatch is to advise you that the 3[d]: Instant at night anchor'd in our Road the Royal Guardian Captain Henry Hoadly, but was consign'd to your side, and from thence to China, We referr you to the inclos'd copy of the Captain's Letter to Us for the reasons of his bearing away to this Place: We have by this Ship a Packet from our Honourable Masters, by which We are advis'd of the following Ships arrival in England.

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"So that you must be on your guard & take all proper previous measures for "the security of our Settlement, Estate and Shipping in case a War should break "out between Us and France, and our Ships must be order'd to keep Company home-"ward bound."

This is in our Honourable Masters Letter to Us of the 3[d]: August, but the 31st: of last Month the S[t]: Gerant Mons[r]. La Fouche Commander, arriv'd at Pondicherry; she left France the 30th: October N: S: & Mons[r]: Dumas writes our President that when that Ship came out all Europe was in perfect Tranquility.

The Defence was at the Cape the 10th. January homeward bound.

We are

Fort S[t]: George
10th: April 1740.

Gentlemen
Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano

No. 39

To James Hope Esqr.
Chief &c^{a}: Council at Surat

Gentlemen

It was the 3^{d}. of last Month before We receiv'd Yours of the 5th. January, with the inclosed Packet from Bombay; We shall return the Peons in few days with the Duplicate of this, but this Dispatch requiring more hast we have agreed with the Shroffs to deliver it to you in thirty Days, and we desire on their receipt thereof you will forward our letter to Bombay with all expedition It is chiefly to advise that the 3^{d}. Instant at night anchor'd in our Road the Royal Guardian Captain Henry Hoadly but was consign'd to your side and from thence to China We referr you to the inclos'd copy of the Captain's Letter to Us for the reasons of his bearing away to this place. We have by this Ship a Packet from our Honourable Masters by which We are advis'd of the arrival of the following Ships in England.

Halifax	6 April.
Wilmington	8 D^{o}.
Queen Caroline	14 May.
Lyell	2 June.
Royal George	
Beaufort	9 D^{o}.
King William	
Onslow	18 D^{o}.
Prince of Wales	12th. July.
London	
Prince of Orange	
Princess Royal	
Godolphin	

These last left St Helena the 16th. May at which time none of their other Ships were at that Island.

The Duke Captain Thomas Hindman Comd^{r}. sail'd for Bencoolen the 25th: May with orders to be sent from thence to Benjar for a loading of Pepper, but if the Deputy Govr: & Council should have reason to beleive such a Cargo could not be procured at Borneo they were in that case directed to consign the Ship to Tellicherry.

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The Defence was at the Cape the 10th. January homeward bound.

We are

Fort St. George
10 April 1740

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 40

To Charles Whitehill Esqr.
Chief &ct. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

The occasion of this Dispatch is to advise you that the third Instant at night anchor'd in our road the Royal Guardian Captain Henry Hoadly, but was consigned to your side and from thence to China: We referr you to the inclosed copy of the Captain's Letter to Us for the reasons of his bearing away to this Place.

Having reason to beleive there were Packets for this Place and the Bay under cover to you, We desired the Capt. to bring ashoar the Packet directed to your Settlement, We open'd one end of it in his Presence and observing two Seal'd Packets therein We drew them both out and found that one was directed to this Place, and the other [to the Pre]sident and Council of Fort William, after which we immediately sealed up the other papers and deliver'd them back again to the care of the Captain.

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We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. APRIL 1740.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 41

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

I am order'd to advise you that pursuant to your request of the 23d. Instant a supply of twenty thousand Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow Evening under charge of the usual number of Peons.

I am with respect
WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servant

FORT ST. GEORGE
28: APRIL 1740.

JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

No. 42

TO THE WORSHLL. JAS. HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Agreable to the advice given you yesterday by our order We now send you a supply of twenty thousand Pagodas, of which Eighteen thousand are in Pagodas, the other two thousand in Fanams; of these last we shall sent you a further supply as We can get them, which will be in a few days.

We are
WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your affectionate Friends &
Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
29 APRIL 1740.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 43

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Duplicate of what We wrote you the 7th. past comes inclos'd, the 22^d. We receiv'd your favour of the 10th. March by the Princess Augusta and Triplicate of another Letter dated the 3^d. March.

We observe the deficiency in the Princess Augusta's Bullion, and shall recredit your account for the same being 6 Oz. . 10 dwt.

The Detatchment your Honour &c^t. sent for Bombay on the Calcutta Grab & Bermudas Sloop got no further than Tellicherry, We think it very lucky they got so far, and they will be ready there to send to Bombay after the rains: The Bermudas Sloop arriv'd here the 11th. in the Evening being Dispatch'd to us by the Chief & Council of Tellicherry to deliver a Freight of twenty Candys of Coir, We now send her on to your Honour &c^t. in Company with the Princess Augusta by which Ship We send you twelve Bales of Ordinary Popinjay Green Broad Cloth and some Red-wood as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclos'd: She has also some more Sheathing Boards put on board her, which are likewise included in the Invoice, what she carried last Trip Captain Goring tells Us remain still on board the Weather having been too bad to deliver them to the Sloops that came down with her Bales and Petre; We desire your Hon^r. &c^t. will return her to us the end of July or the beginning of Augt. next as you think proper, with a Loading of Saltpetre or if that cannot be spared, please to fill her up with Rice.

We are

Fort S^t. George
14th. May 1740.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 44

To Captain George Gorring
Commd^r. of the Princess Augusta.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your vessel and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct your Future proceedings Dated in Fort S^t. George this 14th. day of May 1740.

Richard Benyon
&c^t.

No. 45

To Mr. Joakim Hamfreys,
Master of the Bermudas Sloop.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your vessel and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William, whose orders are to direct your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 14th. day of May 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No 46

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

This by order of the President and Council covers Invoice and Bill of Lading for Stores now sent you on the Enterprize Brigantine Peern Cawn Syrang.

Fort St. George
14th. May 1740.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant
John Savage
Secry.

No. 47

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour, &ct.
Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our last to you was the 14th. Instant by the Princess Augusta and Bermudas Sloop, some days before which the Morattas enter'd this Province, and cut off our Nabob and his Youngest son, with great part of the force he had with him, upon which his Eldest son who was Marching to his Assistance, but with only three thousand Horse turned back, and got with part of them into Velour, a Fort to the Southward of Arcot: The Morattas soon after enter'd Arcot, the Capital of this Province and have plunder'd it of every thing they could find, as well as some of the adjacent Towns, It is reported a Treaty is on foot between them and Subderally Cawn in order to their leaving the Province, but their demands are very high, and matters are far from being accommodated : some Parties of their Horse have been plundering several Towns within less than a days Journey of this Place, and We are informed they have sent people to look out, what Water there is towards the sea coast, and if matters are not soon settled at Arcott it is more than probable they will visit the Sea Ports. We have put ourselves in the best posture We can to resist any attempts they may make upon us, but as We are in want of Men & the Prince William arriving here the 21st. Instant from Bombay, and having on board about fourteen Men which were returning to you from Bombay, We have order'd them ashoar, and upon this Emergency We have Likewise taken twenty Men more ashoar of the Prince William's Ship's Compy We hope however to return these last soon on board again and to Dispatch her to you in about fifteen days ; she has two Lack of Rupees on board for

your Presidency, which We advise You of that you may order the Sloops to meet her in Balasore Road, and take out such part of it as you think proper before she goes up the River.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24 MAY 1740.

No. 48

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last of the 28th. February We have receiv'd Your severals of the 13th. of that Month 5th. & 26th. March with an Addition to the last under the 4th. April. All that we think necessary to reply to is what you write us about the administration to Mr. Gibson's Effects and the Present you have made your new nabob : As to the first Mr. George Jones one of Mr. Gibson's Creditors has or will soon take out Letters of Administration and will then correspond with you relating to the Deceased's affairs.

Concerning the Present made yr. Nabob as it was upon his accession there seems to be some pretence for his demanding it but as those changes are not likely to be frequent we hope for the future He will have no Expectations of any other presents from you more than what have been made to his Father ; hereafter when you make any Presents you should send a list of the particulars and the value of them in your Letter.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
RICHARD BENYON &CA.

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. MAY 1740.

No. 49

TO MR. JOSEPH GODDARD
RESIDENT AT MADDEPOLLAM.

SIR

I am order'd by the President & Council to acknowledge their having receiv'd your severals of the 8th. March and 10th. Ultimo, with the inclosed Monthly Accounts, and to acquaint you that with your Journal Parcels they would have you in future send your Cash Accounts also which has been lately omitted.

I am
SIR
Your humble Servant,
JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. MAY 1740.

No. 50

To the Worsh^l^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^l^. S^r^. & S^rs^.

Since our last of the 29th. April We have receiv'd Your severals of the 30th. of that Month, 21st. & 31st. May, and 3^d^. Instant.

When We have settled the price of the Gunpowder M^r^. Holmes spared you, We shall advise you how much we pay him for it, and debt you accordingly.

The Mary Brigantine arrived here the 3^d^. Instant, and deliver'd the Bales accordng to Bill of Lading.

It is some time since that We coin'd a quantity of Fanams on purpose to send you but the Roads have been so much infested ever since, sometimes by small parties of Moors Horse, and now much more by the Polygars, that We think it unsafe to send them overland; If the troubles continue till the Mary returns, which will be in few days We shall send them by her and hope they will reach you before the end of the Month.

The necessity of your entertaining as many usefull People as you can for the defence of your place is but too obvious and we are sorry the state of our own Garrison has put it out of our power to send you any assistance of that sort from hence, and We are as little able to send you a supply of the most usefull and necessary Stores you write for, till the arrival of our Europe Ships.

We have taken into consideration what you write about the Ditch round Your Fort, the Paymaster and Gunner's Survey, and their Report thereupon, We are very sorry so necessary a work as this is represented, and We beleive indeed to be so, should remain to be set about at this Juncture when it is to be wished all our Fortifications were compleat, and in the best repair, for though We are told the Morattas have agreed upon some terms with the Moors, in consequence whereof the Major part of their Forces are retired out of the Province, yet the Place where they are encamp'd is so near the borders, and will give them so easy an enterance again whenever they please, for which they will not want a pretence, and as their scheme seems to be to plunder and destroy wherever they can overcome, We think you ought not to omit any thing which may be necessary for your Security, and as what you propose is represented to be so and is also thought necessary to prevent the damage the Fort Wall would be subject to, if this work you propose be longer omitted you have our consent to set about it as soon as you can; We shall only remark that what the Paymaster and Gunner propose namely the raising the old Wall of the Ditch about three foot higher by way of a Breast work for small Arms, however proper it might be if you had a strong Garrison, appears to us at present to be not only unnecessary, but also may be inconvenient, for We take it the few Men you have to defend the Fort ought in case of action to keep within, and in that case a Parapet Wall would hinder the Effect of your Fire Arms from the Points and Curtains. We must not on this occasion omit to repeat our Honourable Masters directions, That whenever there is a real occasion for repairing their Buildings or Fortifications, you should always see that the work is substantially and well perform'd, and the Paymaster's Accounts upon these and all other occasions must be carefully examin'd every Month, the necessary previous directions being given him in Consultation in what manner to carry them on in order to prevent the Workmens lavishing their Money away in a needless manner and charging more for the Materials and workmanship than is equitable, and that some of the Council should have an Eye over the Work while it is carrying on as well as the Paymaster.

Having perused the account of Stores worn out and decay'd and Lost by weight last year you have our permission to write them off to Profit & Loss. You have also our consent to allow one Serjeant and three Corporals more to each Company.

We are
Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^T^: George
7TH: June 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 51.

To the Worsh^LL^. James Hubbard Esq^R^.
Deputy Governour &c^r^. Council.
of Fort S^r^. David.

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs

Our Chittee set of Merchants have produced Letters to us from their Gomastas at Salem advising that they have two hundred and fifty Oxloads of Cloth lying ready there to send to Cuddalore, but are afraid to venture it without a Guard lest the Poligars should Plunder it upon the Road: They beleive thirty or forty Peons will be sufficient to protect it and therefore We now send twenty Peons to be join'd by twenty from Y^r^. place to go to the borders of Salem, where the Cloth will be ready, but they do not propose to bring it all together but at three different times: To the twenty Peons which we send for this service, We have added twenty more & by them send you three thousand Pagodas worth of fanams for their greater security they will be join'd by twenty peons upon the road, belonging to the Poligar of Weall wood.

We are
Worsh^L^: Sir & Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^T^. George
13TH: June 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No 52.

To the Hon~~ble~~ Thomas Braddyll Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^T^. Council.
of Fort William.

Hon~~ble~~ Sir & Sirs

Our last to your Honour &c^t^. was the 24th. past by a Sloop and the Ship Ceres, This waits on you by our Honourable Masters Ship the Prince William on which We have loaden some Redwood as P^r^. invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed. By mistake the Redwood ℘ Princess Augusta was charged at 2 Pagodas P^r^. Candy instead of 2¼ which is rectified in the inclos'd Invoice.

This Province continues still in a very miserable condition: The Morattas after they had plunder'd every thing they could lay their hands on agreed to quit the Province upon condition of being paid a sum of Money: part has been paid them: But Subdar Alley Cawn, in whose name the agreement was made with them is under great difficulty how to raise the rest: however the Morattas are for the present retired out of the province, but at so small a distance that they may enter it again

when ever they please Reports are various as to their future proceedings, some say they intend to remain four months at Coloore a Province to the Westward till the Waters of the Kistna are fallen, which being swelled at present hinders their return to their own Country: Others that they design to take their rout through Misore & retake Tritchanopoly, which the Moors took possession of about three Years ago; In the mean time this province remains in Anarchy and Confusion, Subdar Alley Cawn continues still shut up in Velour with very few Horse, and wherever the rest are dispers[d]. We hear of none any where in a Body which gives the Poligars an opportunity (which they make use of) to plunder & burn most of the Villages that belong to the Moors: In a word it appears to us there is nobody in the Province that has any inclination or indeed Power or Force to endeavour at a Settlement so that our only hopes are that Nazar Jung, son of Chicklas Cawn will take some order about our affairs, but as to him also Reports are various, some say He will himself be soon at Arcot. Others that He designs to stay four Months longer at Golcondah, but however that he has order'd two Munsubdars to set out with a large body of Horse for this Province. This is all We shall trouble you with at present relating to the melancholly situation of these Parts where all business is at an entire stand and will continue so till somebody is fixed in the province that has Authority & power to settle it.

We have return'd the Twenty Men on board the Prince William that belong'd to her, but the Soldiers We propose to keep some time longer.

We had design'd this Ship to you some days sooner, but the Captain as well as ourselves was willing to see the new moon over in hopes that after it the Monsoon will be set in, and the Weather moderate about the point, and so safer to enter the River: Her stay here has given us an opportunity to advise you that the 12th. arriv'd our Honourable Masters Ship Princess of Wales Captain Hoxton; He was designed directly to the Bay, and having no Packet for this Place We demanded his reasons for coming in here, which He says proceeded from many of His Men being down with the scurvey: He left England the 25th. January in Company with the Wilmington for this Place, the Winchester directly for China: The Bedford for S[t]. Helena and Bencoolen, and the Mountague for Mocha: Private Letters tell the Company have taken up Eleven Ships more for the different parts of India, but in all probability they will be late as the River had been frozen for about a month, so that no ship could stir, or any sort of work be done on board Her, besides there might be a difficulty in manning them, and it was also uncertain whether there might not be an Embargo; The War with Spain was declared in Form the 23[d]. October last, but neither France or any of the other Potentates in Europe had taken part with either side.

Since writing the foregoing We have resolved to send the Military which We took out of the Prince William on board her again.

We are
Hon[ble] Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort S[t]. George,
13th . June 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P. S.

We have paid the 18 Men landed here from and return'd on board the Prince William one Months pay, & have granted the request of Cordoza Pereira one of the number to stay here, where he has a family.

No. 53.

To Captain Thomas Langworth
Commd^{r}. of the Prince William.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship, and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct Y^{r}. future proceed^{gs}. Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 13th: day of June 1740.

Richard Benyon.
&c^{t}.

No. 54.

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{t}.
Council of Fort William.

Honble. Sir & Sirs

Herewith is Duplicate of our last dated the 13th Instant by the Prince William, she saild out of our road the next morning & yesterday anchor'd here our Honourable Masters Ship Wilmington, In our Packet by that Ship We receiv'd the Inclosed directed to your Honour &c^{t}. What Private Letters came besides: We have put up in a Box apart & deliver'd it to M^{r}. Williamson as we do this; as you have doubtless in the Company's Packet a List of the homeward bound ships arrived, and of those taken up for the different parts of India We shall not trouble you with a repetition here, and have only to add that We are

Fort S^{t}. George
16th. June 1740.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 55

To the Worsh^{l}. Ja^{s}. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council
of Fort David.

Worsh^{l}. Sir & Sirs

This by order of the President and Council covers Invoice and Bill of Lading for Wares and Stores sent you on the Mary Brig^{ne}. Philip Baker Master.

I am
Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servant

Fort S^{t}. George
16th June 1740.

John Savage
Sec^{ry}.

No. 56

To the Honble Stephen Law Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t.
Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to your Honour &c^r. was the 10th. April by two conveyances, We have since been favour'd with your severals of the 20th. & 28th. of that Month by the Pulteney & Prince William, the first arrived here the 17th. the other the 21st. May.

By a Letter from the Chief & Council at Tellicherry dated the 29 . April We are advised that the 23^d. of that Month the Bermudas Sloop arrived there from Bengall and the Grab which went out in company with her was also arriv'd upon the Coast, but it being so late in the season the Chief and Council write us they should be obliged to detain the Detatchment that was sent on board them till the Rains were over.

We have receiv'd the Olibinum and Putchuck by the Prince William and shall give your Presidency Credit for the amount: The Company have not sent us any ship to go from hence to China this year, but a country ship will sail for Canton in a few days, and We beleive the owners will take these Goods off our hands.

A Sloop and the Ceres sailing for the Bay few days after the Prince William arrived here We took that opportunity to advise the Gentlemen there of the time she would leave this place and what Money was on board her, that the Sloops might be ready to meet her in Balasore road and to take out so much of the Treasure as they thought proper; The Prince William saild from hence the 14th. Instant: We should tell your Honour &c^t. she touch'd at Tellicherry in her way down the Malabar Coast, and deliver'd the Stores you design'd for that Settlement.

We observe what you write about James Flint, and we beleive the Owners of the Country ship bound for China will agree to carry him to Canton where probably the Company's supra Cargoes may have some directions about him.

The 12th. Instant came in here our Honourable Masters ship Princess of Wales & the 15th. came in also the Wilmington both from England, the first was design'd directly for the Bay, but put in here by reasons many of Her Men were down with the Scurvy: By the Wilmington We receiv'd a Packet from our Honourable Master's, and inclosed you have a List of Eighteen Ships which arrived in England the last season, and another List of the Ships taken up & design'd for the several parts of India; The Wilmington, Princess of Wales, Bedford, Winchester & Mountague left Portsmouth the 25th. January, and when the Compy wrote us the 2^d. of that Month; the other Eleven Ships were by agreement to be in the Downs the 23^d. & they hoped to get them away by the beginning of Feb^ry. But the Captain's of these Ships tell us none of the others were got down even to Gravesend when they came away, being prevented by an exceeding hard Frost which continued with great severity when they left England: It was also apprehended there would be great difficulty in getting men and if they should succeed in that, it was doubtfull whether they could procure protection, so that it is to be fear'd they will be very late.

A War with Spain was declar'd in Form the end of October; Above an hundred and Thirty Ships of War were in Commission and they were busy in all the Docks getting others ready: All the other Powers in Europe continued neuter, in the Quarrel when these Ships came out, and it was hoped would remain so.

We advis'd your Honour &c^t. in our Letter of the 31st. January, that We had been assur'd from Arcot the Morattas intended an Irruption into this Country, We did however hope that the Moors would have prevented it, by paying them a sum of Money, and indeed their pretence for coming now was to demand their proportion

of the produce of the Country, which they said had not been regularly paid them: It is most reasonable to believe the Nabob intended to have compounded with them, from the small Force He carried with him, when He went to the Pass of the Hills, for except Ten thousand Foot [which your Honour &c^{t}. know are made but little account of in this Country) H[e ha]d not above Two thousand Horse, and our Accounts tell us the Moratta Army consisted of Forty two thousand Horse, under the Command of Two Generals Futta Sing, and Raugojee Bussorah. The 9th. May in the Morning the Nabob found himself surrounded by the Enemy, who killed him and his youngest son Hussain Alley Cawn, and soon put the rest of his Forces to flight; His Eldest son Subdar Ally Cawn who was marching to his assistance but with no more than three thousand horse hearing of his Father's defeat & death shut himself up in Velour with about Three hundred horse, and left the rest to shift for themselves: Those were afterwards extreamly troublesome for dividing themselves into small parties under pretence of their want of subsistance, committed great ravages in several parts of the Country. There being no Force to Oppose the Morattas, and Futta Sing remaining at the Pass of the Hills with twenty thousand Horse, the remainder under Raugojee advanc'd into the heart of the Country, Lolla Petta lying first in the way they plunder'd and burnt that and soon after Arcot under went the same fate as well as Conjevaram and several other Towns there is no guessing at the value of the plunder they met with, but it is generally agreed to be very considerable; We had advices they intended to visit the Sea Ports, (where inded may Merchants & considerable Men in the Country [have] [r]etired with their Effects) and had actually sent their spies to enquire what Rivers there were and what Water was in the Tanks near the Sea Coasts, but all at once We were advised that Subdar Ally Cawn had patch'd up a Peace with them by the Mediation of His Brother in Law and some other considerable Moormen who were taken Prisoners at the Pass of the Hills. We know not certainly the Terms of the Treaty, nor the exact sum which it has been agreed to pay them, whatever it was part was paid down and some of the Mediators remain'd with the Morattas as Hostages for the rest: soon after the first payment they retired through the pass of the Hills and our last advices say they are some days March beyond them, We are also told that Nazar Jung son of Chicklis Cawn is on this side the Kistna with a large army, and has detatched great part of it in pursuit of the Morattas; We shall not trouble you further with these sort of Advices which consist for the most part of flying reports and shall only add that this Invasion of the Morattas has so entirely broke the spirit and force of the Moors in this Province that thô Subdar Ally Cawn agreed with upon the treaty already mention'd with the Morattas He has not since done any one thing towards settling the peace and Government of the country, so that it remains in great Anarchy and confusion and the little Poligars are up every where plundering and burning all the open Towns, and these circumstances We find an entire stop to all [man]ner of Trad[e &] God knows when we shall find [an a]mendmen[t].

With these Peons We send a Packet directed to Your Honour &c^{t}. which We receiv'd few days ago from the Chief & Council at Anjengo.

We shall be obliged to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. if you will let us know how much We are to Credit your Presidency for the Cost of the Princess Augusta.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George
20th. June 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 57

To the Worshl. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct.
Council of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

Our Honourable Masters having Indented for Four hundred Pieces of Soot Romalls to be made agreable to a sample they have sent us, We now send it inclos'd to you, & you must give directions for providing them accordingly.

Fort St. George
24th. June 1740.

We are
Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & servants
Richard Benyon &ct.

No. 58

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Our last was the 30th. May & three days ago We receiv'd what you wrote us the 30 . May; when We wrote you last we understood that application would be made to our Court for the Administration to Mr. Gibson's Effects, but as that has not been done, We don't know any objection to your taking charge of them and disposing thereof for the benefit of the Creditors, rendering an account thereof to such person or persons as may hereafter administer, & observing by Your Letter of the 3d. March that Narrain Pottanak one of the Country Renters is like to be troublesome to you upon account of Doctor Gibson's Debt to him We have thought fit to order and do hereby order that no Company's servant or other European living at Vizagapatam shall directly or indirectly borrow any money, or otherwise become indebted to any of the Moors Governours or to any of the Rajahs or Country Renters, and whoever shall be guilty of a Breach of this order, We shall suspend them from the Company's service if they are covenanted servants and send for them up hither and those who are not in the Company's service We shall send for them hither, and from hence to England.

Inclos'd come the Adjustments for making Your Books agree with ours, also the accounts of the cloth embaled here from Vizagapatam & Ingeram and we shall supply you with Madrass Pagodas in due time.

What Bales you have ready in August you may send hither on the Richard, but the extraordinary freight is only allowed in Case of the vessels losing her Passage back again.

The Wares and Stores you indent for the 30th. May shall be sent you as conveyances offer.

Fort St. George
27th. June 1740.

We are,
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.

You must send to Ingeram the account of the Cloth from thence sorted here & the Adjustments for the Books of that Residency.

GENTLEMEN,

When we wrote the foregoing We omitted to advise you that Our President has receiv'd a Letter from Annawardy Cawn's Brother advising his having erected Hayaut Patnam into a trading Port and inviting us to make a Settlement there : you have a translate of his Letter & the President's answer, and We would have you send some understanding Person thither to inform you whether any of the Companys sorts of cloth are made in the Country about it ; whether there be any River there, and what depth of Water there is upon the Bar, having thoughts if We find it will be for the Company's Interest to send a Resident there.

When you have sufficient in your han[ds] of Doctor Gibson's Effects, you may pay Narrain Pottana's Debt, for We do not think the Company's affairs ought to be stoped for the Debts of any Private Persons. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
27 JUNE 1740.

GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

FROM MAHOMUD MOONEERADEAN CAWN
BROTHER OF ANNAWARDEAN CAWN AT CHICACUL.

I have lately erected a new seaport town called Hayaut Patnam, near Mansuar Coatah on this side of Ganjam; This is place well situated for Trade, and as there is a strict Friendship between Your Honour and me, I therefore send this Letter to desire you will Dispatch one of your Gomastahs thither to establish a Factory, and that you will also send your Ships thither, and carry on a free commerce, Your Honour may depend upon it that I shall always be ready to give all the Assistance in my power, I promise also that you shall have the same Encouragement as you receive at other Sea Ports, I desire Your Honour will Command me in any thing wherein I can be of service to you.

What can I say more.

TO MAHOMUD MOONERADEEN CAWN
BROTHER OF NABOB ANNAWARDEEN CAWN.

I have receiv'd your Letter desiring I would send one of my Gomastahs and Establish a Factory in your New Seaport town called Hayaut Patnam, and observed the contents, I am very glad to find you are willing to treat all strangers & Merchants with Civility and return you my sincere thanks for the promise you are pleased to give me, that you will shew great favour to my People. As to what you write me about sending my Gomastahs thither. I first must enquire what sort of Goods and Commodities are proper to be sent thither for sale, and what sorts We can purchase there proper for our Trade before I can determine upon an Answer to your proposal When I have well consider'd of all this you shall hear further from me. I wish you health and success in your Transactions and shall always be glad to receive Your Commands.

What can I say more.

No. 59

To Mr. Richd. Prince
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

The President & Council having nothing material to write You have order'd me to return your Peons & to acquaint you that the account of Yr. Cloth sorted here & List of Adjustments to make Your Books agree with those of Vizagapatam will be sent you from thence.

Fort St. George
27th. June 1740.

I am
Sir
Your very humble Servt.
John Savage
Secy.

No. 60

To Mr. Joseph Goddard Resident
at Maddepollam.

Sir

Nothing material offering to write you at present, the President and Council have order'd me to return your Peons and to inclose to you the Adjustments for Your Books, and the Account of your Cloth sorted here. I am

Sir
Your humble servant
John Savage
Secry.

Fort St. George
27th. June 1740.

No. 61

To William Wake Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council at Tellicherry.

Sirs

We have receiv'd your severals of the 28th. April, 2d., 6th., & 28th. May, the Bermudas Sloop Arrived here the 11th. May, the Prince William the 21st., When We have settled the Freight of the Coir by the Bermudas Sloop our President will receive it, We shall Advise you the amount and Mr. Wake will pay the same into your Cash.

The 12th. Instant came in here our Honourable Masters Ship Princess of Wales, & the 15th. came in also the Wilmington both from England, the first was design'd directly for the Bay, but put in here by reason many of her men were down with the Scurvey: By the Wilmington We receiv'd a Packet from our Honourable Masters, and inclos'd you have a List of Eighteen Ships which arriv'd in England the last Season, and another List of the Ships taken up for the several parts of Indi[a the] Wilmington Princess of Wales, Bedford Winchester & Mountague left Portsmouth the 25th. January, and when the Company wrote us the 2d. of that Month, The other Eleven ships were by agreement to be in the Downs the 23d. & they hoped to get them away by the beginning of Febry: But the Captain's of these ships tell us none of the others were got down even to Gravesend when they came away, being prevented by an exceeding hard Frost, which continued with great severity when they left England: It was also apprehended there would be great difficulty in getting men, & if they should succeed in that, it was doubtfull whether they could procure protection, so that it is to be fear'd they will be very late.

A War with Spain was declared in form the end of October; above an hundred and thirty ships of War were in commission, and they were busy in all the Docks getting others ready; all the other Powers in Europe continued neuter in the Quarel when these Ships came out & it was hoped would remain so.

Your last of the 28th. May the Peons deliver'd Us the 21st. Instant, but the Outward cover was taken off which the Peons say was done by some Robbers on the way, who took from them their money and every thing they had of value, The Seals and Covers of your Packet for Bombay were entire wither we shall forward it in two or three days.

We are
Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort St. George
27th. June 1740.

R. Benyon.
R. Fowke.
A. Burton.
N. Morse.
W. Monsoon.
G. Torriano.

No. 62.

To Charles Whitehill Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council at Anjengo.

Sirs

The 9th. Instant We receiv'd yours of the 20th. May, and have according to your desire forwarded your Packet to Bombay, but the Shroffs by whose means We sent it, desire for the future it may be divided into two or three which will contribute to the ease and saftety of its carriage.

The 12th. Instant came in here our Honourable Masters Ship Princess of Wales and the 15th. came in also the Wilmington both from England, the first was design'd directly for the Bay, but put in here by reason many of her Men were down with the Scurvey: By the Wilmington We receiv'd a Packet from Our Honourable Masters & inclosed you have a List of Eighteen Ships which Arrived in England the last season, and another List of the Ships taken up and designed for the several parts of India; The Wilmington, Princess of Wales, Bedford, Winchester & Mountague left Portsmouth the 25th. January & when the Company wrote us the 2d. of that month, the other Ships were by agreement to be in the Downs the 23d. and they hoped to get them away by the beginning of February But the Captains of these Ships tell us none of the others were got down even to Gravesend when they came away, being prevented by an exceeding hard Frost which continued with great severity when they left England: Twas also apprehended there would be great difficulty in getting Men, and if they should succeed in that, it was doubtfull whether they could procure protection, so that it is to be feard they will be very late.

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The French give out they expect three hundred Recruits this year from Europe, but We take it they will be cautious how they weaken their Force at Pondicherry till there is some settlement of affairs in the Province, which as yet We have but little hopes will be soon; The French are also engaged in a dispute with the King of Tanjore about their Settlement at Carracal how long it may subsist We cant say, but

We beleive their neighbours at Negapatam will endeavour to foment it as much as lyes in their power, so soon as We can learn they are making any preparations for your side We shall not fail to advise you of it, and are

FORT S^T. GEORGE
27 JUNE 1740.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble servants.
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 63

TO THE HON^BLE. THO^S. BRADDYLL ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^T. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was by the Fazzesalam Duplicate of which is inclosed; This comes by our Honourable Masters Ship Princess of Wales: She brought out Eleven Men for Your Place, but as We are very bare of Europeans, and the Morattas have still a large Force upon the borders of this Province, We hope Your Honour &c^t. will excuse our detaining the Eleven Men here.

We have deliver'd to the care of Captain Hoxton Three of the Seals you wrote for; The rest shall come by some after Conveyance, and we shall then Advise you the Cost.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT S^T. GEORGE
30TH. JUNE 1740.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

P.S.

We have paid the Surgeon of this ship his headmoney for the Eleven Men deliver'd here, & are to advise Y^r. Hon^r. &c^t. that we have sent on this Ship two Hampers of

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Wilmington & which the Capt. tells us is for somebody in Bengall; they are not in our Manifest. Inclos'd is an Acc^t. of Goods landed here from the Princess of Wales by the Captain & Officers.

No. 64

TO THE HONBLE STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^T. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Nothing material offering to add to our last of the 20th. ultimo copy of which is inclosed, this serves only to accompany a Packet since receiv'd from the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry which they desire us to forward to Your Hon^r. &c^t.

We p[ur]pose to dispatch [our] Honourable Masters Ship Wilmington for England the First of September and are

FORT ST. GEORGE
2D. JULY 1740.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.
Your most humble Servants.
RICHARD BENYON &CT.

No. 65

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL AT
VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The President and Council havg. nothing to add to what they wrote the 27th. Ulto. which comes herewith This is only by their order to cover Invoice and Bill of lading for Wares now sent you on the Brigantine Vencatashia Somanah Noquedah.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servant.
JNO. SAVAGE
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. JULY 1740.

No. 66

TO THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES
OF THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY'S
SHIPS AT CANTON

GENTLEMEN

The Augusta being upon her departure for Canton from this Place we take the Opportunity to advise you that the Royal Guardian Captain Henry Hoadly Arriv'd here from England the 3d. of April last and inclosed we send you a copy of the reasons He gave us for coming to this Port; He was bound to the Malabar Coast and Bombay, and will proceed on his voyage some time in September next.

On the Augusta comes Passenger Mr. James Flint He came hither on the Prince William, and inclosed We send you a copy of what the Gentlemen at Bombay writ to us and what they wrote the Honourable Court of Directors concerning him: Our reasons for sending him by this Ship is a belief you may have some directions about him from the Company.

Upon this Ship also takes his Passage the Reverend Mr. Eden Howard who proposes to go for England on one of the Companys Ships from Canton, if He does not find his health better, there than what he complains of here: If He should request you for permission of Passage on one of the Compy's Ships for England We have no Objections to your complying with His desire.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. JULY 1740

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

Extract of a General Letter from the President & Council of Bombay dated 28th. April 1740. relating to Mr. James Flint receiv'd at Fort St. George the 21st. May ꝑ Prince William.

One James Flint has his passage allotted on this Ship, whom we recommend to your Honour &ct. to be sent to China from Your Place agreable to the purpose Contain'd in a Paragraph of our Letter to the Hon̄ble Court of Directors of the 13th. February 1739. 40 ꝑr. Harrington, copy of which comes inclosed.

Copy of the 23d. paragraph of Bombay General Letter to the Honourable Court of Directors ꝑ Harrington dated the 13th. February 1739. 40.

Par. 32d. Captain Jenkins brought here on the Harrington from Canton by Mr. Rigby's direction, a Young Lad by name James Flint left there by him in China to learn the Language, (as We are inform'd) with your approbation, and We propose to return him thither by the first opportunity, in order to continue his application to that end, In which he has already had some success and Your Honours will please to give what further directions about him you may think proper, We being guided in sending him back there by our opinion that in time He may become very usefull to the English dealers there, If fitting care is taken of his Education in that country.

A true [copy].
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No. 67

To the Hon̄ble Stephen Law Esqr.
President and Governour &ct.
Council of Bombay.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs.

The 2d. and 3d. Instant We receiv'd the Original and Duplicate of your favour of the 23d. May and agreable to your request Captain Hoadly sent the Company's Packet on shoar here directed to Your Honour &c . which was open'd in his presence, and compared with the Lists, and the several Papers therein were found agreable thereto, such of them as We think may be of any use to you before the Ship Arrives at Bombay, We have taken copies of and send them with this, as ꝑ List inclos'd ; second copies shall come in few days : After which we shall close up the Packet again and redeliver it to the care of the Captain.

As to the landing of the Treasure here for the security thereof We do not think neither indeed does the Captain that it would entitle the Ship to any Demorage all that he seem'd to desire was an indemnification in case any accident should happen between the delivering of it out of the Ship and receiving it on board again, and likewise to justify him to the Company for doing what in himself he had no Authority for : If by our Advices from home there had been reason to apprehend France had taken part with Spain in the War with England, We should perhaps have taken it upon ourselves to have order'd the landing of the Treasure here, but as there did not app[ear] to us any apparent danger upon that account We thought We might wait for advices from your Honour &c : We have since been in such a Situation here that it would have inclined us to have wish'd it on board again and are sorry to add we have yet some reasons subsisting which induce Us to forbear as yet sending for it on Shore.

We wrote Your Honour &ct. very fully the 20th. past relating to the Irruption of the Morattas into this Country ; There remains a considerable sum yet due of that which was stipulated to be paid them upon which account their Vackeels at Arcot talk in very high terms. The Moratta Army which We advisd Your Honour &ct.

consisted of upwards of forty thousand Horse under the command of Futta Sing and Raugojee has been since join'd with twenty thousand more under the Command of another General named Seedojee, They are now in the dominions of the King of Misore, and have raised great contributions; They seem inclined to march further to the Southward before they return again to the Northward; This province continues still without any Government, and without any Force to protect it; The late Nabob and his Sons were greatly indebted to their soldiers, who refuse to List again till they are paid their arrears.

Two days ago our Shroffs receiv'd Letters in five and thirty days from Delly, that tell us the great Rajah Savajee Sing, was Marching with a large Army to besiege Chicklas Cawn, in Agra. 'tis certain his son Nazar Jung who We expected in this Province, and was actually on this side the Kistna has repassed it and returned to Hydrabad, whether with intention only to protect the Deccan Country or that he designs to march on to the assistance of his Father is as yet uncertain.

Some time since We had a flying report that the Nabob of Patna had march'd an army against and killed the Nabob of Muxadavad; These Letters from Delly confirm the truth of it, and add that it was by the direction of Chicklas Cawn, with the first Report We were told Muxadavad was plunder'd which will keep us in pain for the Company's Settlement there till We receive advices from Calcutta.

We have as yet no news of the Duke's arrival on the West Coast, which is all that We have to add except the assurance of our being always.

Fort St. George
9th. July 1740.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servants.
Richd. Benyon &ca.

P.S.

Just as we had closed the above came in a Packet directed to yr. Honr. &ct. from the Chief and Council at Anjengo which We send by this Patamar.

List of the Fort St. George Packet to Bombay.

No. 1. Fort St. George General Letter dated 9th July 1740.
2. Do: ...... Duplicate ... dated 2d. Do. 1740.

Copies of Letters & Papers in the Bombay Packet from England ℘ Royal Guardian.

3. Company's General Letter to Bombay dated 2d. August 1739.
4. Company's General Letter to Bombay dated 3d. August 1739.
5. Company's General Letter to Tellicherry dated 23d. May 1739.
6. Company's General Letter to Tellicherry dated 2d. August 1739.
7. Abstract of the Royal Guardian's Invoice to Bombay.
8. Extract of the Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licenc'd ℘ Royal Guardian to Bombay.
9. Manifest of Private Silver licenc'd ℘ R: Guardian to Bombay.
10. List of Goods to be provided at Bombay to begin the Investment for the Ships going out 1739 Dated 2d. August 1739.
11. List of of the Royal Guardian's Packet to Bombay Dated 2d. August.
12. List of the Royal Guardians Packet to Bombay Dated 3d. August.

No. 68

To James Hope Esqr. Chief &ct.
F[ac]tors at Surat.

Sirs

Your favour of the 2d. June was deliver'd us the 2d. Instant, and therefore We paid the Cossids the gratuity of Ten Rupees.

We now send you some Packets for Bombay which we desire you will forward there with all expedition.

We have nothing now to advise since we wrote the 20th. Ultimo and shall therefore only add that We are

Fort St. George
9th. July 1740.

Sirs,
Your most humble Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.

By this conveyance We send you what Letters came in the Royal Guardian's Bombay Packet directed to your Place.

No. 69

To the Worshll. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your severals of the 1st. & 8th. Instant: In the first We observe you have [gi]ven directions for providing the four hundred Pieces of Soot Romals according to the Muster sent you the 24th. Ultimo, but you are besides to provide as many as you can of [the] Five thousand Pieces indented for according to the Muster sent you last year.

In your Letter of the 8th : We recd. Invoice and Bill of Lading for twelve Old Guns on Captain Byers's Ship, and We shall supply you with such others as you indented for, as opportunity offers.

You have not at the foot of any of your late Letters sent us an account of your cloth embaled and how much is at the Washers, Beaters and in the Merchants Godowns you must not omit it in future, as it will help us to make some computation, when We come to advise the Gentlemen in Bengall what Tonnage We shall want from thence in December, We do as usual put the Question to you what number of Bales we may expect you will have ready by that time, though considering the present situation of affairs in the Country We much doubt whether it will be possible for you to make any computation that can be depended on.

Fort St. George
12 July 1740.

We are
Worshll. Sir and Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
Richard Benyon &ct.

No. 70

To Mr. Richard Prince
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

The 3d: Instant we receiv'd Yours of the 14th. June and are very sorry to observe the Impediments you meet within Your Investments and having consider'd what you write us about the Short Cloth: We say that We expect you will provide all the sorts upon as cheap terms as you can and the more of it that comes up to the full measure will be the more acceptable to Us, but We shall not be against your taking in the Short Cloth provided it be of a good Fabrick and provided also it be distinguish'd in the Invoice, and the exact measure particularly specified therein and a proportionable Abatement made for the difference.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
15 July 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 71

To the Worshl. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

The President and Council having resolv'd to return the Honourable Company's Ship George to you in few days, have order'd as to acquaint you therewith that you may get sorted and embaled all the Cloth you can have ready by the time she arrives wth. you.

I am with respect
Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. hum. Servant.

Fort St. George
19th. July 1740.

John Savage
Secry.

No. 72

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Sloop being to sail to day for the Bay We take the opportunity to Advise you that we shall send you twenty Chests of Rupees on board the Jenny for our Honourable Masters account & as it may be doubtfull whether you will have an opportunity of a Conveyance to the West Coast directly from the Bay this season We send inclos'd a List of Sundries which We desire you will put on board the Princess Augusta if this arrives with you in time, or otherwise on some other good vessel bound for this Place in August that we may send them to the West Coast from hence.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort St. George
21st. July 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

INDENT OF BENGALL GOODS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE WEST COAST, VIZ^{T}.

Gunney Baggs		3000
Taffaties viz.		
Yellow	20 P^{s}:	
Blue	20 P^{s}:	
	——	40 Pieces.
Patna Chints, small flowers, Red colours		100
Mustard Seed Oil		1000 Gallns.
Ophium Patna		3 Chests.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 21ST. JULY 1740.

ERRORS EXCEPTED

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AUGUSTUS BURTON

Expt Whkr.

No. 73

TO THE HON^{BLE} STEPHEN LAW ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C . COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Duplicate of our last of the 9th. Instant is inclos'd, and we now send you second copies of the material Papers in the Royal Guardian's Packet, also a Packet from the Chief and Council at Tellicherry which came in the evening before last.

The 16th. Instant the George arriv'd from the West Coast, by her We are advised the Marlborough was Dispatched from thence for England the 29th. January, The Somerset was also near loaden for England in February last, but then proving very leaky she was unloaden again and the Captain carried her to Batavia to repair her She return'd from Batavia the 8th. June and We suppose will be Dispatch'd for England as soon as she could take in her Cargo.

The Duke Arrived at the West Coast from England the 9th. October, and was Dispatch'd for Benjar the 24th. November, but meeting the Marlborough in the Streights of Sunda who had been able to get little more than Fifty Tons of Pepper at Benjar, She return'd with her to Fort Marlborough, but the Gentlemen there, beleiving the Duke would meet with better success, they Dispatch'd her to Benjar again the 9th. January however with orders in case the Supra Cargoes could not purchase three hundred Tons of Pepper by the end of August or beginning of September they were then to dispatch her directly to the Malabar Coast, but if they should succeed in obtaining about that quantity they were then to return her to the West Coast to compleat her loading there.

The 20th. Instant the Jenny arrived from Mocha, by her We receiv'd a Letter from M^{r}. Waters Dated 20th. June: He writes us he had Instructions from Your Honour &c^{r}. not only to provide a cargo for the Europe Ship expected at Mocha, but also a further quantity to help out in filling up the Tonnage designed for your coast and He had accordingly complied with his Instructions, but as the Europe Ship was not arrived at Mocha, he concluded she had lost her Passage, and being in want of Money to pay for what he had purchased he had borrow'd thirty two thousand Dollars of M^{r}. Craddock & had given Bond for the same, which He desires We would discharge here, and which We have accordingly complied with, and shall Debt your Presidency for the Amount: M^{r}. Waters adds that he had taken up the Narcissus and should Dispatch her to Bombay with a Loading of Coffee by the 12th. July.

We take it for granted that the Mountague not being able to get to Mocha has bore away for Bombay, and doubtless you will have by her Duplicate of what the Company wrote You by the Royal Guardian, which you will probably receive before

the copy We sent you from hence the 9th. Instant however We now send you the second copies & We have again made up the Originals and deliver'd them to Captain Hoadly.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort St. George
23d. July 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 74

To the Worshl. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir and Sirs

Agreable to advice sent you the 12th. Instant (since which We have receiv'd yrs of the 22d.) We now Dispatch the George to you to bring away what cloth you have ready to put on board her, and send you on her some Iron and a supply of Fire Arms as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclos'd.

We are
Worshl. Sir and Sirs
Your affectionate Friends and Servants

Fort St. George
29th. July 1740.

Richard Benyon &cr.

P.S.

Inclosd is also Invoice of the Medicines recd by the Wilmington for your Place the Key of the Chest will be deliver'd you with this.

No. 75

To Mr. Thomas Clarke
Chief Mate of the George.

Sir

The President and Council having permitted Captain Taylor to stay ashoar for the recovery of his health, you are hereby order'd to take charge of the George, and to make the best your way with her to Fort St. David, where you are to deliver what Stores are on board on the Honourable Company's account, with the Letter and Key of the Medicine Chest, herewith deliver'd you, to the Deputy Governour & Council, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 29th. day of July 1740.

Signed by order of the President & Council.
John Savage
Secry.

No. 76

To the Worsh^l. Ja^s. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^l. Sir & Sirs

The George was Dispatch'd to You the 29th. but being detain'd in the Road yesterday by a contrary Wind, the President & Council took the opportunity to send on board her, and she sail'd this morning with a supply of Gunneys & Two thousand Pagodas in Fanams for your Place, as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed. I am with much respect.

Fort S^t. George
31st. July 1740.

Worsh^l. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servant
John Savage
Sec^ry.

No. 77

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

We advisd you by a Sloop that sail'd the 21st. past that We should send you by the Jenny twenty Chests of Rupees on our Honble Masters Acco^t. accordingly We have shipped it on board this morning and Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same come inclos'd.

The 27th. past We receiv'd y^r. several favours of the 17th. March, 24th. April & 9th. May, the Gentlemen of Bombay have also wrote us for Ten four pounders, and one hundred Bolts of Europe Duck: The Guns we have ready to send them by the Royal Guardian, and We hope the Arrival of our Europe Ships will enable us to comply with their Indent for Duck.

We are very much surprized at the Deficiency in the Tutenaigue by the Princess Augusta, as that Ship is since arriv'd with you We doubt not you examined the Captain and officers about it; 'Tis most likely the Pieces wanting were left on board her in the hurry with which she was shifted in February last.

Our Shroffs had advices some time before We receiv'd yours that the nabob of Muxadavad, had been killed by the Nabob of Patna, & that this last acted by orders from Court, but 'twas uncertain whether from the Mogul or only from Chicklis Cawn.

Inclos'd Your Honour &c^t. have a Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlborough, desiring that you will keep the Ship with you which they suppose will be order'd them by the way of Bengall. They add To us that by that means they should be able to make up the Duke's Charterparty Tonnage if she should not be able to get about three hundred Tons of Pepper at Benjar: Upon this we are to remark, That when they proposed you should not send a Ship to them from Bengall, They expected they were to dispatch the Bedford directly home and indeed so they are if they have hopes that the Edgebaston will meet with success at Borneo, but otherwise they are to send the Bedford or Edgebaston, which of them first arrives to Bengall: The Marlborough got but fifty Tons of Pepper at Borneo, and the Gentlemen at the West Coast being oblig'd to make up the remainder of her cargo it has doubtless render'd them less able to provide for a quantity of Tonnage this year; On the other hand if the Duke succeeds at Benjar it may give reason to hope the Edgebaston will too, and in that case they will only have the Bedford to Dispatch directly home, and perhaps considering the Quantity of Pepper the Marlbrô carried off, they will not be able to furnish this year more than will compleat the loading of one ship. What they may resolve of when they receive the Company's Orders by the Bedford We cannot guess, but it happend very unlucky that ship

put into Portsmouth or Plimouth & We read in some of the News Papers was order'd to remain there till the other ships called upon her, who were also to come out under convoy, and the Company had not obtain'd protections for them till the 12th. February, so that We apprehend they will be all late in India, and the Bedford and Edgebaston more so, as the first was to go to St. Helena, and the other to Madagascar & whether they will be able to send either of them to the Bay will depend much on their Arrival at the West Coast, but We shall have a better opportunity to give our Sentiments of this affair when We receive our next Letters from the Company.

The Duke arrived at Fort Marlbrô the 9th. October, and was dispatch'd the 24th. Novr. to Benjar, but meeting the Marlborough in the Streights of Sunda, the Supra Cargoes gave the Captain of the Duke an order to return back. They both arriv'd at Marlborough the 7th. December, the Duke was dispatch'd back again to Benjar the 9th. January, The Marlbrough to England the 29th. January.

The Gentlemen of the West Coast advise Your Honour &ct. that the Somerset sprang a Leak which renderd her uncapable of proceeding to England and oblig'd the Captain to carry her to Batavia to be refitted there. She returned to Fort Marlbro the 8th. June and We suppose would soon after be dispatch'd for England.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
2D. AUGT. 1740.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

P. S.

Inclos'd is also our Store keeper's Indent for 4000 Quires of Bengall paper which We request Yr. Honr. &ct. will comply with.

No. 78

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT BAILLIE OF THE JENNEY.

SIR

Having advised the President and Council of Fort William of our Intention to send them twenty Chests of Rupees on Your Ship, which We have accordingly put on board, We hereby desire you will comply with any orders you may meet with from them concerning it before your arrival at Calcutta.

We wish you a good voyage, and are
SIR
Your Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
2D. AUGT. 1740.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 79

To the Worsh^l. Ja^s. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^l. Sir & Sirs

The President & Council have order'd me to Advise that Ten thousand Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow morning, under charge of forty Peons.

I am with much respect
Worsh^l. Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant

John Savage
Secry.

Fort S^t. George
4th. Augt. 1740.

No. 80

To the Worsh^l. Ja^s. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^l. Sir & Sirs

Since our last We have receiv'd your severals of the 14th., 22^d. and 31st. ultimo to which We find occasion at present to reply only, that agreable to your request in the last and the advice sent you yesterday by our order We now send you a Supply of Ten thousand 10000 Pagodas as much as we think it proper to send by land, at present, and when these Peons return We propose to send you a further supply.

We have not as yet sent any Present either to Subder Ally Caun or Chunda Sahib, beleiving it improper at this time that We suppose them under great concern and trouble in the present unsettled state of Affairs in the country, and we beleive for the same reason it will not be expected from you to send any of your People on a visit or to make them as yet any Presents.

We are
Worsh^l. Sir and Sirs
Your affectionate Friends and Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

Fort S^t. George
5th. Augt. 1740.

No. 81

To M^r. Dumas K^t. of the Order of S^t. Michael
& Governour of Pondicherry,
and to the Gentlemen of the Superiour Council there.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd the Letter you did Us the Honour to write us dated the 24th. Instant N. S., and having seriously consider'd the purport of it, as also of that you wrote our Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David, We answer, That We think a Murther attended with circumstances of so much barbarity and Malice, as that of the Old Chouliar, which the Four Deserters from Your Garrison are suspected to be guilty of, ought not to go unpunish'd and therefore We beleive it is no contravention to the protection of our Flag to give up those Men, We have accordingly

order'd our Deputy Governour to deliver them to such Persons as you shall send for them, upon Your promise That, if upon their Tryal, all or any of them shall be clear'd of the Murther, you will forgive them their Desertion.

We have the Honour to be with great great Esteem.

GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient & most humble Servant.
RICHD. BENYON
&CT.

FORT ST. GEORGE
16TH. AUGT. 1740: O.S.

NO. 82.

TO THE WORSHL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd Your Letter of the 13th Instant relating to the four French Deserters, our resolutions thereupon You will see in the inclosed copy of our Letter to Mr. Dumas and his Council: But as to the agreement You propose to us for avoiding mischiefs of this nature in future, We chuse rather to keep ourselves at Liberty, nor will those Gentlemen We presume much concern themselves, whether We make such agreement or not, since the intention thereof is complied with.

We are
WORSHL. SIR AND SIRS
Your affectionate Friends and Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

FORT ST. GEORGE
16TH. AUGT. 1740.

NO. 83

TO THE WORSHL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

I am order'd by the President & Council to advise, That a further supply of Ten thousand Pagodas will be sent you by Peons Overland tomorrow.

I am, with much respect,
WORSHL. SIR AND SIRS
Your most hum. Servt.
JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
18: AUGUST 1740.

No. 84

To the Worsh^{L}. Jas. Hubbard Esq^{R}.
Deputy Governour &c^{r}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{L}. Sir & Sirs

This serves only to accompany the supply of Ten thousand 10000 Pagodas of which You were Advised yesterday by our order.

Fort S^{t}. George
19th. August 1740.

We are
Worsh^{L}. Sir & Sirs
Y^{r}. Affectionate Friends and
Servants
Richard Benyon
&c^{r}.

P.S. M^{r}. Thomas Cooke Junr. being Entertain'd a Writer in the service, His salary & allowances are to commence from the 15th. of this Month.

No. 85

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{r}.
Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to you was by the Jenny dated the 2^{d}. August, Duplicate of which is inclosed, since then have Arrived here four of our Honourable Masters Ships Viz^{t}.

Princess Louisa	John Pinson	12th. August.
Heathcote	Jonathan Cape	15th. —
Colchester	R^{d}. Mickelfield Junr.	18th. —
Hardwicke	John Hallet	20th. —

The Captains of the Princess Louisa and Hardwicke, tell us their reasons for coming here were, that several of their Men were down with the Scurvey.

We find the Captains of the other Ships had orders in case they did not arrive here by the last of August they were to proceed directly to the Bay, no doubt the Captains of the Durrington and Cæsar have the like orders, and all circumstances consider'd it is very probable they may be both too late to call here in that case you will please to open the Packets directed to this Place, and what Lead, Iron or Broad Cloth is consigned to us We beleive it will be more for the Company's Interest, that they should be disposed of with you, than to be at the Expence of sending them hither, We say the same with regard to any other Goods that may be consign'd to Us, except such as you shall beleive are intended for Garrison Stores, Those We desire you will send hither if possible, being very bare here of many things which are necessary, We do not know whether you will find upon either of those Ships any Gun Flints, if there be, you will please to send them to us, but otherwise as We have very few here, We desire you will supply Us with as many as you can spare out of Your own store.

By the Jenny We sent Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. a Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlborough relating to your Dispatching the Hardwicke from Bengall without sending Her to the West Coast, We wrote Your Honour &c. something concerning the same in our last and the Company having sent us copy of the 52^{d}. & 53^{d}. Paragraph's of their Letters to Your Presidency by the Princess Louisa, Hardwicke & Durrington, We take it, that you are thereby at Liberty to determine with relation to the Hardwicke as you shall judge will be most for their Interest.

It is proper here that we should advise your Honour &c^{t}. what Quantity of Bales We expect to have ready in the Month of Decr. and by the best Calculate We can make We reckon We shall then have two thousand two hundred 2200 Bales, which at Five Bales & one third 5⅓ to a Ton, is somewhat more than Four hundred Tons, which we shall be able to fill up here. We desire you will acquaint the Captains of such ships as you send hither that they must expect no Saltpetre here & therefore whatever they think necessary to make their ships sailworthy they must take with you; The Wilmington having no Iron Kintlage has taken in here, One hundred & Eighty 180 Tons of petre and the Captain thinks she will go out at a very moderate draught of Water, and as these draughts will reduce our store to a small Quantity We desire you will supply us with as much more as you can spare for a stock against next season.

Inclos'd is our Warehousekeeper's Indent for Packing Stuff, which We desire you will supply us with as opportunitys offer.

The Hardwicke fell in company with the Bedford off the Cape the 5th. of last Month; This last left S^{t}. Helena the 5th. June and from thence We are advised the following ships were arrived.

Ships.	Captains.	Ships.	Captains.
Houghton	Worth	Grantham	Hale.
Walpole	Boddam	Richmond	Weston.
Augusta	Townsend	Marlborough	Smith.
Shaftesbury	Bookey	Britannia	Somner.
Lynn	Gilbert	Defence	Coates.

The Shaftesbury arriv'd S^{t}. Helena the 29th. April, but as the Normanton was not there the 5th. June, We are under some uneasiness about her; All we can hope is, That she went into the Cape and as the Captain might be Advised of a War in Europe He would probably resolve to go home with the Dutch Fleet.

This comes by our Hon̄ble Masters ship Princess Louisa, on which We have laden Eighty thousand 80000 Rupees and some Redwood as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclos'd.

We have coined here Eighty Chests of Bullion into Madrass Rupees, which We compute to be about one third of what is consigned to you directly or would otherwise have been sent you from hence including therein what may be on board the Durrington and Cæsar which upon its arrival you will also keep with you. We have not coined any of the Silver into Arcot Rupees as We did not think it prudent to trust it in the Country Mints.

As this settlement will be in great want of Madeira Wine, We desire you will send by the Europe Ships what you may find consign'd to Us, also Ten Chaldron of Coales or more if you can spare them.

We expect some soldiers for this place on the Durrington & Cæsar which we desire may be sent us in December, being in great want of Europeans both here and at Fort S^{t}. David, and for the same reason we desire you will send us as many more as will List provided they be such as you have reason to beleive will not be so uneasy here as those which were sent to Bombay. We are

Fort S^{t}. George
22^{d}. August 1740.

Hon̄ble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 86

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct.
Council of Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

This serves only to cover Invoice and Bill of Lading for Seventy Candy of Red Wood, consign'd you on this Ship Augusta on our Honble Masters account. We are.

Fort St. George
25 August 1740.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano

No. 87

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council
of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd are Duplicates of what We wrote your Honr. &cr. the 22d. & 25th. Instant and Invoice and Bill of Lading for Ten Chests of Rupees, and Thirty Tons of Redwood We now send you on our Honble Masters Ship Hardwicke Captain John Hallet.

We have deliver'd Captain Hallet the other three seals you desired Us to get made for you: the account of the cost of which and of those before sent you by Captain Hoxton comes herewith.

Captain Mickelfield of the Colchester having desired our directions concerning a Chest of Treasure he has on board for your place mark'd RD No. 1 We have order'd our Warehousekeeper to receive and keep it in his charge till Mr. Roger Drake (who we find by that Ships Manifest to be the Owner of it) shall send up orders hither concerning it; The Chest is said in the Manifest to contain 730 Ounces. We are.

Fort St. George
28th. August 1740.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Richard Benyon.
&cr.

No. 88

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your severals of the 15th. & 28th. June, with the first We receiv'd the Estimate you sent us of the charge of the several repairs necessary at your place, and you have our consent to set about them, taking care that the work be substantially and well performed that the Workmen do not lavish away the Company's Money in a needless manner; that no more be charged for materials & Workmanship, than is just & equitable & you must have a Watchfull Eye over them yourselves while the Work is carrying on.

We have not sent you any Timber or Plank by this Conveyance, because you have not sent us the Dimensions which you ought not to have omitted, nor can we set about the Gun Carriages till we know the size of Your Guns: We observe in your account Remains you have fifty four Iron and seven Brass Guns, let us know in your next Letter where they are Mounted.

This comes to you by our Honourable Masters Ship George on which We send you twenty thousand 20000 Madrass Pagodas as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed: You must get her into your River to lye the Monsoon there, and she must be ready to come over the Bar again so soon as the New Moon in December is over; We shall hereafter give you directions whither We would have her bring up your Cloth, or that from the other Settlements; in the mean time advise us as soon as possible what cloth you expect to have ready by the end of November and do you write to Ingeram & Maddepollam that they may send Us the like advices from thence.

It is near four years since the George was Sheathed, The Captain is not certain she will want it now, but if He thinks it necessary when He comes to look at Her Bottom We direct that it be done, and for that purpose We have put on board some Boards & nails, if they are not wanted you may dispose of them. We are

FORT S^T. GEORGE
30TH. AUG^T. 1740.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
RICH^D. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 89

TO CAPTAIN JOHN TAYLOR
COMMD^R. OF THE GEORGE.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam: On Your arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Chief and Council there, whose orders are to direct your future proceedings. Dated in Fort S^t. George this 30th. day of August 1740.

RICH^D. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 90

TO THE HON^{BLE} THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^T. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last of the 28th. August by the Ship Hardwicke that sail'd out of our Road the next day. This waits on you by the Heathcote, on which Ship We have laden forty three chests of Rupees & some Redwood, as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed.

Two days ago arrived here our Honourable Masters Ship Princess Augusta by her, We received your favour of the 4th. Augt. with Invoice and Bill of lading for Saltpetre and other Goods, which are now unloading.

We Dispatch'd the Wilmington for England the 5th. Instant, and she sail'd the next day: We hope the Colchester will be ready to leave us by the end of this Month and We shall by her send Your Packet directed for our Honourable Masters.

Upon this ship takes His Passage M[r]. William Belsches, and We send inclosed copy of the 53[d]. Paragraph of our Hon̄ble Masters Letter to us dated the 21st. March relating to him.

We congratulate Your Hon[r]. &c[t]. on the Quiet your Province was in after the revolution in the Subahship, and We wish [we] could tell you there was any settlement that could be depended on of the Government of this Province; Nazar Jung has sent some marks of his favour to Subder Ally Cawn the late Nabob's son, but they are not such as give him any positive assurance of being continued in the Government, at the same time He is still deficient in the sum promised to the Morattas who yet continue so near us that the country is often alarm'd by their Motions.

We beg Your Honour &c[t]. will supply us with as much Bale Rope & Twine as you possibly can of the Quantity We have Indented for, and if there be any difficulty in sending us all the Gunneys We wrote for, We shall very likely be able to purchase what may be dificient out of some of the Private ships.

Inclosed are also the accounts of Goods landed here from the Princess of Wales, Princess Louisa, Hardwicke & Heathcote.

We advised Your Honour &c[t]. in a former Letter that the Gentlemen of Bombay had wrote Us for an hundred Bolts of Duck & Ten Four Pounders, We are sending the Duck by the Royal Guardian & should also have sent the Guns but We have them not in store, & if the Company have complied with our Indent, they are on board the Cæsar or Durrington: If Your Honour &c[t]. think the Gentlemen at Bombay will want them besides what they wrote to you for, you will please to take them out of what are designed for this place and send them with the rest from the Bay.

What Ships Your Honour &c[t]. design us in December, We hope you will Dispatch in such good time that they may be here by the middle of that Month, that thereby We may comply with the directions We have receiv'd concerning their Dispatch from hence. We desire also you will put the Captain in mind that they have their full compliment of Men on board when they leave the Bay, because they will find it difficult if not impossible to get any here. We are

Fort S[t]. George
11th. Sept[r]. 1740.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Barton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 91

To Captain Jonathan Cape
Commander of the Heathcote.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board Your Ship, & make the best of Your way to the River of Bengall, on Your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct your future proceedings. Dated in Fort S[t]. George this Eleventh day of September 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 92

To the Worsh . Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir and Sirs

I am order'd by the President & Council to acquaint you that they want the account of the cost of the cloths they have received from you and desire therefore that you will send it them as soon as possible I am with respect.

Fort St. George
11 Septr. 1740.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servant
John Savage
Secry.

No. 93

[To the] Worshl. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd yours of the 19th. August and 1st. Instant, and We shall supply you with the remainder of the Stores you Indented for the 31st. May as opportunity offers but We shall find a difficulty in sending you the Guns for want of a Ship that can hoist them in, We have not been able to send you any Flints not having receiv'd any from Europe this Year: As to the European soldiers, We shall shortly send you as many as We can spare.

We have read over the Deputy Governour's Paper deliver'd to your Board relating to the Disturbances occasion'd by the Disputes between the Right and Left hand casts. The behaviour of Vencatatchalum and his Robberries in this country, and the Murder of the Woman of the Right Hand cast at Cuddalore, and have Read also all the other] Papers, and shall now give you our opinion and directions thereupon as to the Woman who lost her Life We make no doubt from the several affidavids taken before the Deputy Governour Her Death was occasion'd by some blow, she receiv'd from some of the Left Hand Cast in a riot at Cuddalore, but as it is not plain, who the particular Persons were that gave her those Blows [however we] thought fit to order and direct, That a Fine be Levied from the whole Left hand cast of Five hundred 500 Pagodas, for it appears to us this Riot was in consequence of the first dispute in which it is confessed they were the first aggressours, We hope also this will be looked upon as some satisfaction to the Right Hand cast and render it more easy for you to accommodate the remaining differences, which subsist between them.

As to the behaviour of Vencatatchalum if it be as the Deputy Governour has represented it and what is set forth in the attestations taken before him, the most regular Method is to complain thereof to the Hovildars or other Govrs. of those parts of the Country, where He was guilty of the same, and to represent to them His Robberies and other behaviour, & if they will not punish him & take effectual measures to prevent the like in future, you shall look upon yourselves at liberty to take your own Measures.

Our Secretary wrote you yesterday by our order for the cost of the cloths you have sent hither on your runnin[g] contract & you must lose no time in complying therewith. We are

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Servts.
Richard Benyon.
&cr.

Fort St. George
12 Septr: 1740.

No. 94

[To the] Honourable Stephen Law Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^r^. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to you was the 23^d^. July by Peons overland, and this waits on you by the Royal Guardian.

When the Morattas were at Arcot We thought proper to order Captain Hoadley to send ashore here Eight Chests of Fire arms, & Ten Barrells of Europe Powder consigned to Your Presidency, and gave him a receipt for the same, but having since received a supply of the first We have sent them on board again, Bill of Lading for which is inclos'd, in one of Your Chests there were fourteen Carbines of a better sort which We have kept here for our officers, & have made up the number out of those consign'd to us, ours cost Thirty two Pag^s^. twenty two fanams and twenty cash, and We desire you will let us know the cost of yours and the Gun Powder that We may give you credit for the same.

Inclosed is also Invoice and Bill of Lading for One hundred Bolts of Duck and we intended to have sent you the Iron Guns you wrote for as We expected to have received them by our Ships from England, but if the Company have complied with our Indents they are on board the Cæsar or Durrington, which ships We beleive are passed by for the Bay, We have therefore wrote to the Gentlemen there to send them you from thence and suppose you will receive them by the Princess Louisa.

Lieutenant L[a]ne, Messrs. Hope & Hatton came out as passengers on this ship and now proceed on her for you[r] [p]lace: They have behaved themselves very well during their stay here: We thought proper to make them some [allow]an[ce] for Diet Money, the account of which is in [the packet]; also what We have paid and advanced to the Military and Galley Men : John Sh[aw] of the last We have taken the liberty to keep here, as one of our Gunner's Mates being much in want of a capable Man for that employ We wrote you in a former Letter that some of them had died in the Passage from England, and others have since died here, those who have survived (except John Shaw above mention'd) now proceed on the ship and a List of their names is inclosed in the Packet. We are

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort S^t^. George
20th. Septr. 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 95

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

We wrote you the 11th. Instant by the Heathcote, Duplicate of which is enclos'd; We are since favour'd with yours of the [. . .] by the Kent which ship brings us the agreable [news of the safe] arrival of the Jenny at [Pegu . . .] the 16th. August.

[Gr]andison that arrived here the 12th. Instant brought [in] the Duplicate [. . .] favour of the 4th. August with a Duplicate of y^r^. [. . .] [for] England which We shall forward by one of the ships in January.

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort S^t^. George
21st. Septr. 1740.

Rich^d^. Benyon.
&c^r^.

No 96

[To the] Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last by the Mercury dated the 21st. Instant, and We are now to advise that yesterday in the Evening after sunset anchor'd in our Road the Durrington Captain Richard Crabb from Madeira: His orders were not to call here if he could not reach the Port by the last of August, but after he made Ceyloan, having near sixty of his Men down with the Scurvey and the rest ailing, he called a consultation of his officers who with him were all of opinion it was necessary for the safety of the ship & the Company's Effects to bear up for this place or some oth[er on] the coast where they might get assistance before they attempted to proceed for the Bay; she has only one hundred Pipes of Wine and ten Chests of Treasure for this Place which will be soon landed, the Captain proposes to hire 30 Lascars here, and having taken in some more water and fresh provisions, to proceed for the Bay in very few days, she has 1922 Pigs of Lead and Six chests [of] fire arms for Your place, besides one [hundred Pipes] of Madeira Wine.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort St. George
23 Septr. 1740.

Richd. Benyon
&ct.

No. 97

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

This comes to you by our Honble Masters Sloop Carolina, on which We have laden such of the stores you wrote for as she could take in, Invoice and Bill of Lading for which come inclosed.

The Sloop being leaky We would have you get her into Your River as soon as you can, and after having her surveyed give her such Repair as you find necessary.

Upon this Sloop takes his Passage Mr. Borlace Stacey a Writer in the service and you must station him where he may be of most service, in a few days We shall send Mr. Joseph Fowke as another Writing assistant, and when the Waters are a little more fallen a supply for your cash.

We are
Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends & servants

Fort St. George
4th. Octor. 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.

We have put on board this sloop one European & Nine Lascars of our Gunroom, whom you must return to us overland as soon as the sloop is in your River giving them Batty for their journey.

No. 98

To Mr. Henry Harris,
Master of the S[loop] Carolina.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board Your Vessel, and make the best of Your way to Fort St. David: On your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour & Council there, whose Orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 4th. day of October 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Feroke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 99

To the Worshl. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sr. & Srs.

This by order of the President and Council is to advise that twenty thousand 20000 Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow under charge of the usual number of Peons.

[Fort St. George
7th. October 1740.]

I am
Worshl. Sr. & Srs.
Your Most Humble Servant

John Savage
Secry.

No. 100

To the Worshl. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

Agreable to advice given you yesterday by our order this serves to accompany a supply of twenty thousand 20000 Pagodas under charge of thirty Peons in compliance with Your request of the 30th. Ultimo and to acquaint you that We no objection to your granting the Cowle for the Weighing and Measuring duty on the Terms you mention as you seem to think them the [be]st that will offer.

Fort St. [George]
5th. Octor. [1740].

We are
Worshl. Sir and Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Servts.

[Richard] Benyon.
[Randall Fowke].
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 101

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort [William].
Honble [Sr.] [&] Srs.

Our [last by the Galatea advised] you of the arrival of the [Durrington] now Dispatch her to you with [. . .] as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading [inc]losed.

We send also inc[losed Capt. [Crabb's] request to us to supply him with some of [our] Gunroom Lascars, a List of their names is enclosed and We desire your Honour &ct. will call upon him to procure them a Passage hither again.

In our Packet is One from our Honourable Masters directed to your Presidency, and the Captain has deliver'd him apart another directed to the President & second of Fort William for the time being.

We are sorry our Indent for the West Coast dated the 21st. July came to your hands too late to send the Goods therein mention'd by any of the Ships bound hither in August. We have procured the Ophium here, and if you have not sent the others by the Hardwicke, We desire they may be put on board the Europe Ships bound hither in December that We may forward them to the West Coast by the George in January.

Inclosed is [Copy] of this Ship's [Charterparty] and Manifest of [private trade].

We are
Honble Sr. & Srs.
Yr. most humble Servts.

Fort [St. George]
[7th Octor. 1740].

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[Augustus Burton].
[Nicolas Morse].
Willm. Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.

Since we wrote the foregoing Capt. Crabb has got as many Lascars as he [wanted] so that as he has not taken any of our [gunroom] crew, We don't send Yr. Honr. &cr. his [request for] the Last cars as we before purposed Capt. Crabb in signing his [Bill [of Lading excepted] [. . .] which our [. . .] We therefore desire [...] to be weighed with one [...] We [...] by the Company's [...].

[...]		1057
[...] Rupees		1044
Difference		13 Pieces.

List of the Pa[cket to] Bengall Pr. Durrington.

No. 1. Fort St. George General Letter Pr. Durrington Dated 7th. October 1740.
2. Duplicate Do. Pr. Galatea 25th. Septemr. 1740.
3. Invoice of Red Wood Pr. Durrington.
5. Copy of the Durrington's Charter Party.
6. An Account of Goods landed here from the Durrington.
7. A Packet from the Honble Court of Directors inclosed in the Fort St. George Packet Pr. Durrington.
8. A Packet directed to the President and Second of Fort William to be received of Captain Crabb.

Fort St. Geor[ge].
7th. Octr. 1740.

John Savage
Secry.

N°. 102

To Captain Richard Crabb
Com[m]d^{r}. of the Durrington.

S^{r}.

You are hereby order'd to repair on board Your ship, and make the best of y^{r}. way to the River of Bengall; On your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 7th. day of October 1740.

[Richard Benyon &c^{t}].

N°. 103

[To] the Worsh^{l}. Robt. Lennox Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council
of Fort Marlborough.

Worsh^{l}. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.

The George arrived with us the 16th. July, by her We received your Letter of the 9th. June and the 22^{d}. ultimo came in the Sloop Carolina with yours of the 11th. August to both which We shall reply by the George in J[a]nuary and at present only give answer to some Paragraphs as may more immediately require it.

Your Letter addressed to the President and Council of Fort William We forwarded thither soon after the receipt but as yet We are unacquainted with their determination in regard to your proposal to them of sending the ship directly from thence to Europe which might be designed you. If we are rightly inform'd they will have a large stock of Goods on hand and will be well able to provide for her, that We are of opinion they will readily come into it, the ships name is the Hardwicke, Captain John Hallet she arrived here the 20th. August and proceeded in a few days after for Bengall.

We observe that the Marlborough was disappointed of her full lading of Pepper at [Benjar] after having spent so considerable a Time [to so] little purpose, We hope the Duke will meet with [better success].

From what you wrote us by the [. . .] concerning the People of the 8 Dusans and your [having] enter'd into agreements with them so late, as in April, for their faithfull adherence [to the] Honourable Company We could little have expected they would so soon have given proofs of their Treachery, We are very sensible that S[i]dee Ibrahim who is at the head of them and to whom they are bigotted has for many years been wickedly inclined and has waited for an opportunity to put in execution his villainous purposes nor do We suppose he has wanted abettors, We are well pleased to find his secret Practices were so early discover'd and the Troubles they might have occasion'd so happily prevented, and since by this Accident, those People are removed from that part of the Country, who in no time can be said to have been well affected to the Interest of our Honourable Masters, We would recommend to you (as it is also near Marlborough) to have it repeopled with Persons from whom you may expect at least more sincerity & better service and let such Dupattys be appointed over them in whom you can place some confidence in order to make that part of the Country beneficial to the Honourable Company, and to preserve it in Tranquility.

If Sidee Ibrahim should return We would have you use Your utmost endeavours to destroy him and on no Account admit him to any Pardon for such repeated acts of Treachery [de]mand a [just re] sentment and we cannot [. . .]

good Policy to harbour [. . .], as to the People ma [. . .] drawn [away] by the in [. . .] deserve some lenity, and conserning them we shall only further say that as the 8 Dusans have always been looked upon as one clan, We think it will be most prudent to divide such as may be permitted to return in several other Parts of the Country, by which means they will be less able to enter into any Combinations prejudicial to the general Welfare and time may perhaps wear out or at least lessen their attachment which they have to each other.

As the Country has for several years been in peace We hope by your care and prudent management it will continue so and be yearly improving, it is not to be doubted that the increase of the Pepper Trade will raise the Jealousy of your neighbours, not that there will be wanting Instruments to increase and foment Divisions and disturbances, whose faith is held in so little Esteem, nevertheless We apprehend such agents will be able to make but little impression on the Bulk of the People as they well know their Interest is inseperable from the Companys.

Such part of Yr. Indent as We could procure, We now send you by this ship, the George will bring You the remainder.

We also send you nineteen Topasses and eighteen Arabs to whom We have a[ward]ed two Months pay commencing the [. . .] obliged to keep the [. .] Months as we have for [. . .] appointed of Listing any [. . .] Dispatching a ship to your Place several of them being marr[ied having] requested leave to carry their Wives [with then] to which We have consented in expectation [that] it may encourage them to stay with you [the] longer and save the charge of frequent Recruiting and of their Passage over they have [asked] to serve three years and We hope they [would] be of use to you being all able body'd Men. There comes likewise William Richardson E[nsign] who arrived here the 8h . April 1738.

In case you are able to return this ship Princess Augusta soon after her arrival you must give the Captain orders to proceed directly hither, but should the services of your coast detain him with you so long as that in his return he ought to make this Coast to the Southward of Fort St. David you must then order him [to c]all in there to take in what Bales [the Deputy] Govr. & Council there may have [ready to] put aboard.

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Stores &ct. We send You on this Ship and Manifest of Goods licenced on her to Your Place.

We are
Worshl. Sir & Sirs.
Your affectionate Friends &
Servts.

Fort St. George
7th. October 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.

The Lead you sent hither on the George weigh'd One Candy & twenty two pounds 1 ca. 22 lbs. short of the Invoice.

Manifest of Goods licenced by the President & Council of Fort St. George [to be] shipped on the Princess Augusta Captain George Goring for [Fort] Marlborough by the following Persons Vizt.

By Mr. Hallyburton for Mr. Sterling.

		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
[...] [3] [2]	Slops	—	—	250	—	—			
Bales 1	Long Cloth Ordinary Blue ..	3	—	60	—	—			
							310	—	—

By Mr. Morse for Robt. Lennox Esqr.

		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 17	Long Cloth White	25	10	780	—	—			
14	Long Cloth Blue	45	—	950	—	—			
4	Sallampores White	16	—	200	—	—			
5	Sallampores Blue ..	20	—	370	—	—			
1	{ [...] Metchlepatam	2	—	45	—	—			
	{ Handkerchiefs	3	10	50	—	—			
1	{ Succatoons Blue	10	—	210	—	—			
	{ Moorias Blue	4	10	95	—	—			
Chests 1	Ophium	—	—	80	—	—			
							2780	—	—

By Mr. Morse for Mr. Rigg.

		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 4	Long Cloth White	6	—	180	—	—			
3	Sallampores White	12	—	150	—	—			
	[...] Blue	12	—	220	—	—			
	[...] Blue	12	—	250	—	—			
1	{ Succatoons Blue	4	—	81	—	—			
	{ Moorees Blue	3	—	63	—	—			
	{ Cambays	1	—	22	—	—			
	{ Syrashes	1	—	18	—	—			
	{ Handkerchiefs	1	—	10	—	—			
	{ Hummums	—	10	17	—	—			
							1011	—	—

By Mr. Morse for Mr. Coles.

		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
2	Long Cloth White	3	—	90	—	—			
3	Sallampores White	12	—	150	—	—			
2	Long Cloth Blue	6	—	125	—	—			
2	Sallampores Blue	6	—	110	—	—			
1	[...]	5	19	225	—	—			
1	[Chay] Goods & [Paintings] ..	11	10	235	—	—			
1	[Chay] Goods & Ginghams ..	22	11	137	—	—			
1	Chay Goods & Blue Goods ..	15	—	115	—	—			
							1187	—	—

By Mr. Morse for Mr. Barbut.

		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 1	Long Cloth White	1	10	45	—	—			
3	Long Cloth Blue	9	—	185	—	—			
1	Sallampores Blue	4	—	73	—	—			
1	Chay Goods & Paintings ..	6	—	130	—	—			
1	Long Cloth White Superfine ..	—	5	22	—	—			
							[455]	—	—

By Mr. Morse for M . Haag.

		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 1	Long Cloth White	1	10	45	—	—			
2	Sallampores White	8	—	100	—	—			
2	Long Cloth Blue	6	—	125	—	—			
1	Sallampores Blue	4	—	73	—	—			
1	Chay Goods & Paintings ..	30	—	287	—	—			
							630	—	—

By Mr. Morse for Mr. Pugh.

Bales		Corge.	Piees.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 1	Long Cloth White	1	10	45	—	—			
1	Long Cloth Blue	3	—	62	18	—			
1	Chay Goods & Paintings	5	11	101	18	—			
—							209	—	—

By Mr. Edwd. Fowke for Capt. Williams.

Bales		Corge.	Piees.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 2	Long Cloth Midling Blue	6	—	160	18	—			
2	Sallampores Blue	8	—	178	—	—			
1 {	Moorees Blue	2	—	54	—	—			
	Madrass Handkerchiefs	1	12	38	10	64			
	Cambays	—	15	16	7	16			
	Ditto Handkerchiefs	2	—	22	18	—			
	Striped Ginghams	2	—	23	—	—			
1	Slops			87	5	32			
—							597	23	32

By Capt. Goring for himself & Officers.

Bales		Corge.	Piees.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.	Pags.	Fas.	Cas.
Bales 1 {	Pattoolys	2	—	90	—	—			
	Broaches	—	10	43	27	—			
	Succatoons Blue	3	—	78	—	—			
	Lungees Silk	1	—	35	—	—			
1	Long Cloth Middling	3	—	84	—	—			
6	Long Cloth Ordinary Blue	22	10	500	9	..			
1	Blue Cloth, Handkerchiefs & Paintings	17	2	237	9	—			
1	Bengall Goods	11	16	392	28	64			
4	Sallampores White	16	—	240	—	—			
1	Syrashes	12	—	180	—	—			
1	Ginghams	8	—	92	—	—			
1	Cambays	8	—	240	—	—			
1	Cambays Red & Blue	6	—	172	—	—			
1	Moorees	6	—	162	—	—			
1	Tappys	40	—	90	—	—			
	Steel	8 Candy		[180]	—	—			
	Iron	20 Candy		[2]00	—	—			
							2	—	—

Fort St. George [...]

No. 104

[To] Captain George Goring
Comdr. of the Princess Augusta.

Sr.

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbrô on the West Coast of Sumatra; On your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour & Council there, whose orders are to direct your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 7th. day of October 1740.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 105

To the Worsh^l. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t. Council of
Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^l. Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last the 4th. & 5th. Inst^t. which We doubt not you received in due time. We shall now acquaint you that our Honourable Masters are pleased to write us that contracting with the Merchants is not the only thing necessary, they should be well looked after that they comply with their Engagements & that at the close of the year an Account must be drawn out in proper Columns wherein is to be inserted the number of Pieces of each sort contracted for with the value, what Money has been advanced and what number of Pieces have been brought in with their value, you must comply with this as near as you can & send us such account to go home in the Packets by our January Ships they are also pleased to write us that your [. . .] the same as the Salem but sold lower about two Shillings a piece [for] each number, that therefore endeavours should be used to get it cheaper: They observe that by what passed between you and us We both were sensible of its Inferiority so that the prices being alike surprized them: Here follows Copy of their 31st. Paragraph dated the 21st. of March last, We observe "with concern "that our Servants at Fort S^t. David complain of a want of Merchants having "[but . . .] only engaged in our Investment. It would [give] great pleasure to "Us could some means be found out to engage a number of substantial Men to "reside within our Bounds, We are apt to think that it might be brought about by "granting them some Particular priviledges with respect to their several Casts, "which they are generaly so fond of and at the same time are not detrimental to Us. "We recommend this affair to your particular and serious consideration. We are "told that Indigo may be cultivated at Fort S^t. David you will do well to make a "Tryal."

We have said in answer thereto that We should correspond with you concerning the Engaging a number of substantial Merchants to res[ide] within your bounds, and if that could be effected We thought it would not be difficult to engage them in the Company's business in the present method but We beleive it would too dangerous an Experiment to attempt it by [e]ndulging any of them with any particular Privileges with respect to their Casts [for] both sides were too tenacious of their Rights [that we] apprehended the Trou[bles between the costs this year] [appear . . .] from one of the Company's Merchants [. . .] too much upon the privileges of the [. . .]. If you can point out to us any other Method that will answer the End proposed by the Company you will let us know it as soon as possible.

Concerning the Indigo we have said that it is the Growth of this South Coast, that a great deal is planted here and at Fort S^t. David on such Grounds as are too high to sow paddy on, & that in January we shall send some of the Different sorts for a Tryal. We would have you therefore purchase a Candy of three or four sorts, but that the freight may be the easier We beleive the higher prized to be the most acceptable if it be good in proportion.

Having some dispute with our Merch^ts. here relating to the cost of their cloth bought at Salem We would have you send us up as soon as possible copy of the accounts deliver'd in by Your Merchants of the cost of their specifying therein, the First cost whether they pay any Brokerage or only keep servants there; What Juncans they pay and how much at each place, what they charge for Oxen hire or other Land carriage; in fine as full and particular an account as you can give us of the First cost and all the different Charges till it is in Your Godowns.

M^r. Borlace Stacey Writer took his Passage to your place on the Sloop Carolina; He arrived here the 18th. August on the Colchester, and has been p^d. his salary here to the 25th. September with his Diet Money & allowances for the month of September.

We have permitted Mr. Henry Powny to stay here, his salary must be paid with you to the 25th. September & [his] other allowances to the 30th.

We are

Fort St. George
16th. October 1740.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Yr. affectionate Friends &
Servants

Richard Benyon
&ct.

No. 106

To the Honble Thos. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Brigantine that arrived few [days] ago at Fort St. David brings us advice of [the] arrival with you of the Princess Louisa; The Han[nover] saild out of our Road the 29th. August, the Heath[cote] the 11th. September & the Durrington the 7th. Instant. It was late in the season for this last, but as [we] have not yet had any blowing Weather upon this Coast, We hope she has got well over to the Eastward and thereby secured her Passage, Duplicate of what We wrote you by her is inclosed; As the Cæsar has not been here We hope she is before this time safe with you in the Bay.

We advised you in a former Letter that the Wilmington saild for England the 6th. September, We Dispatched the Colchester thither the 12th. Instant, by this last We sent one of your Packets directed to our Honourable Masters and shall forward the other in January.

We are

Fort St. George
18th. October 1740.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servts.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

[No. 107]

[To Char]les Simpson Esqr.
[Ch]ief &ct. Council of
Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The Richard arrived here the 17th. of last Month and brought us yours of the 4th. together with Invoice and Bill of Lading for 136 Bs. of Calicoes upon which you must charge no more than the Accustomary Freight agreable to what We wrote you the 27th. June, that Letter with an [ad]ditional one, under the same Date We intended you by Peons overland, but a Vessel being to sail for your place in few days they chose to go by sea & by the same Vessel namely the Brigantine Vencatashea Somanah Naquedah, our Secretary wrote you a short Letter dated the 4th. July to accompany Invoice and Bill of Lading for Wares sent you on her amounting to Pags. 930. 8. 72 but as that Vessel was not arrived with you the 4th. September nor have we heard of her elsewhere upon the Coast we now send you the Duplicate of the Letters & Papers by Her.

Our Honourable Masters complain of the small Investment made at Vizagapat^m. in 1738 which the say will not defray a Factor's charge much less the Expence of a Settlement & that affairs must take a new turn there or We must [think] of withdrawing it: It is true Your Inve[stm]ent was larger last year, and We hope will increase this, but still it is so small that the Charges of the Settlement are very heavy upon it, and besides those, if We only add the Batta on the Madrass Pagodas (which [of] those last sent you was 11 ℘ Cent) to the [price] of your Cloth, it comes out more in proportion than what We buy this way.

We wrote you the 30th. August [by the] George, which ship We are told by some [of the] Northern Merchants was arrived with [you] but have received no advice from you or from the Gentlemen at Ingeram & Maddepollam how they propose to send their cloth up [. . .] in December and as the season is [. . .] orders that [. . .] George [. . .] River, Which We [. . .] in our Letter by her should be so soon as [the] new Moon in December is over, you [must] send her to Ingeram to take in what Clo[th] M^r. Prince has ready there; the Jenny th[. . .] in your River may bring up yours & [should] reckon M^r. Goddards vessel is at Mad[depollam] & will bring up [whatever] cloth he has. We say [you] reckon she is at [. . .] not been here but if he has no vessel the[re] ready to take in his cloth We hope you [will] be able to supply [him] with some proper convey[ance] that you may send him from Vizagapatam.

Herewith is a Packet for the Pres[ident] & Council of Fort William, which you [may] forward thither by some good Peons from [y^r. place].

Inclos'd you have also the Account [from] Vizag^m. Factory as it stands on our Books to [the . . .] April last.

We are

[Fort St.] George
[18th. October] 1740.

Gentlemen
Y^r. affectionate Friends

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William [Monson].
[George] Torriano

P.S.

[At them] of November every year an account [must be] out in proper Columns, wherein [is to be incerted] what Money has been advanced [indent each of y^r. . . .] Merchants, & what number of Pieces [of each sort of] cloth has been brought in by [them with the] value: and this account [must be sent Us in time] to go in the [Packet by the January Ships].

[To M^r.] Richard Prince
[Resid^t.] at Ingeram.

S^r.

Since We wrote you last We have received your severals of the 7th. August & 9th. & 13th. Septem^r. with that of the [. . .] received 240 Bales of Calicoes which came here [on the En]terprize the 17th. of last Month & We have order'd the George to call upon you from Vizagap^m. to take in what Bales you have ready in Decem^r. and [. . .] detain her longer than is necessary to ship [. . .]

The 27th. June We sent to Vizagapatam [. . .] Account of your cloth sorted & [Entered] here, but having Reason to beleive the vessel on which We sent it has miscarried We now send a Duplicate thereof. We are

Sr.
Your Affectionate Friends
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

[At the end of Nov]ember every year, an account must be [drawn out] in proper columns wherein is to be inserted [what] money has been advanced each, of Yr. Merchants [&what] number of Pie[ces] of each sort of cloth has been [brought in by them] with the value and this acct. [must be sent Us in] time to go in the packet by [the January Ships].

No. 109

To Mr. [JOSEPH GODDARD]
RESIDENT AT MADDEPOLLAM.

Sr.

It is some time since We hear[d from] you and as We have received no Cloth from [your] Settlement this September, We reckcon you [must] have a good number of Bales ready to send [us in] December, and as We suppose your vessel is in [. . .] you must send us your cloth by her but if [you] be not there or you are not otherwise secure of a good conveyance, We would have you advise thereof to Vizagapatam, and We hope the Gentlemen there will be able to send you a proper vessel from thence.

The 27th. June We sent you the Adjustments for your Books and the Amount of your cloth sorted here, We are not sure whe[ther] your Peons went overland or by sea upon a vessel that is missing, therefore We send copies thereof Inclosed.

We are
Sr.
Your affectionate Friends
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL [FOWKE].
AUGUSTUS [BURTON].
NICOLAS [MORSE].
[WILLIAM] MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

FORT St. GEORGE
8TH. OCTOBER 1740.

P.S.

At the end of November every year an Account must be drawn out in proper columns, wherein [is] to be inserted what Money has been advanced each of yr. Merchants, & what number of Pieces [of] each sort of cloth has been brought in by [th]em, with the value; and this Account must [be] sent us in time to go in th[e] Packet [by the] January Ships.

No. 110

[To the] Honble Stephen Law Esqr.
President and Govr. &ct. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sr. & Srs.

We wrote you the 20th. of last Month by the Royal Guardian that saild out of our Road the 22d. Duplicate of which is inclosed, and the 28th. We received your favour by the Narciss[u]s Dated the 3d. As this letter did not reach us before the Royal Guardian sailed We have passed to your Debit Pags. 22020 15 38 for Dollars [over 23368] Dollars paid Mr. Craddock being the amount of Mr. Waters's Bond, and have given you credit for Rupees 39575. [. . .]. 57, the cost of the Ship Pss. Augusta, and the Ballance of Yr. account that year we shall transfer to account current London.

We have before advised You of the arrival of the Princess of Wales and Wilmington the Princess Louisa came in here the 12th. August, the Heathcote the 15th. the Colchester the 18th. & the Hardwicke the 30th. It is somewhat late to tell you this now, but We should not have faild to have done it sooner, if they had brought us advice of any material alteration in the State of Affairs [i]n Europe. Besides as the ships for you side were [on] their departure when these came out, We concluded some of them would be with you before any Letters from hence. The Durrington arrived here the 24th. [Sep]tember and sail'd the 7th. Instant for the Bay. [. . .] have not been here We hope she arrived in good time in Bengall. The Wilmington sailed for England the 6th. Septemr. & We Dispatched the Colchester thither also the 12th. Instant.

We wish we could tell Yr. Honr. &ct. the Morattas were return'd to their own Country, but they do not seem to intend it so long as the[re are] any hopes of increasing their Plunder or receive[ing] more contributions. Our last advices tell us a p[art] of their Army is actually encamped about [Tritchanopoly] but as they have not yet commenced any Hosti[lities] We apprehend a Treaty is on foot with the Mo[ors] (who are at present in possession of that country) for a composition. What Rout they will take [in their] return is uncertain, whether along the Coast, or to the Westward through Misore and Seeringapatam.

We shall be glad to hear you [. . . are] to curb the power of Sambojee Angria and are

Fort St. George
20th. October 17[40].

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble [Servants]

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowk[e].
Augustus [Burton].
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 111

To the [Worshl.] James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

[We] have received Yrs. of the [. . .] are surprized [that Sloop] Carolina did not [. . .] with before the [. . .] the Evening. She sail'd [from] hence the 5th. at noon with so fresh and fair a W[ind] that We beleived she would be early with you [. . .] morning and therefore We direct that you

[enquire] strictly into the [R]eason why she was so [long in] her Passage and advise us thereof. If you [think] she will lye safe in Porto Novo River and can be got in there with more ease than in yours, We [leave] it to you do therein as you think proper.

We shall send you Twenty thousand Pagodas tomorrow as a supply for your Cash, and We doubt not you and your Merchants have an Eye upon the Motions of the Morattas, and will take care for their own sake that they are secure in what Money they send into the Country.

Mr. Joseph Fowke writer will set out for your place tomorrow Evening, on his arrival you will employ him where he may be most usefull his time commenced [the] 14th. July 1736, his salary has been paid him to the 2[5]th. his Diet Money and other allowances to [the] 30th. [of] last month. We are

[FORT ST.] GEORGE
[20TH OCTOBER 1740]

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

RICHARD [BENYON].
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE [TORRIANO].

No. 112

[To] THE WORSHL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
[DE]PUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF
[FORT] ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR AND SIRS

This [serves] only by order of the President and Council to accompany the supply of 20000 Pagodas under [charge] of forty Peons of which they advised you yesterday I am with respect

WORSHL. SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble servant

JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

[FORT ST.] GEORGE
[21ST OCTOBER 1740]

No. 113

TO THE WORSHL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR AND SIRS

This serves by order of the President and Council to accompany a Recruit of thirty Men for your Garrison, as ℘ list hereto ann[exed] under the command of Richard Huntley & William [Mankens] Serjiants, who are to be returned h[ither] Inclosed is an account of Disburstments on [. . .] amounting to Pags. 32 24—. for which you will [please] to give this Presidency Credit.

I am with rspect
WORSHL: SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servant

JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

[FORT ST. GEORGE]
[21ST. OCTOBER 1740].

[LIST OF] NAMES OF THE MILITARY ABOVE MENT[IONED].

[. . .].
WILLIAM HILL.
JOSEPH LANE.
CHRISTOPHER SMITH.
BROWNING WHEELER.
CHARLES ROC.
THOMAS BABUIT.
SAMUEL DANIEL.
WILLIAM FIELDING.
SAMUEL BRIGH[TON].
PATRICK OWEN.
JOSEPH COOPER.
MARQ^T^. HENRY.
RICHARD WHITING.
EDWARD JONES.
CO[RN]ELIUS IRWIN.
THOMAS DOLEMAN.
NATHANIEL HANDS.
EDWARD JENKINS.
ISAAC SMITH.
BENJAMIN FISHER.
HENRY BURN.
JOHN MA^C^.CADE.
JOHN CONRY.
MICHAEL RICE.
FRANCIS THOMPSON.
ROBERT ANDREWS.
JAMES FENLY.
PATRICK DANELLY.
JOHN BRANT.

No. 114

[TO THE] WORSH^L^. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T^. DAVID.

WORSH^L^. SIR AND SIRS

We have received your severals of the 24th. & 31st. ultimo and with [. . .] account to be sent us in December of [. . .] Investment if you in[cert] the money [. . .] & since paid your Merchants on one [. . .] enter on the other an account of the number of Pieces of each sort of cloth brought in and embaled in one column and the value in another according to the prices of the several [. . .] in your Invoices and for what [. . .]baled the number of Pieces to be in[certed &] the value computed according to the medium Price of that which has been sorted. We believe the [accompt] will be as compleat as [you] can make it, & We hope will be [. . .] Masters We observe by your [. . .] Merchants have an advance of Fifty thousand Pagodas in hand, when they first proposed to have so much advanced them, they proposed at the same time to bring in three thousand Bales, but as they afterwards told you they could have no hopes of getting that quantity of cloth We should have thought a less advance had been sufficient for what they hoped they should bring in. We have no doubt but what your Merchants are very secure Men, but the reason which induces Us to mention this now is that We apprehend We shall be streitned for cash before the arrival of the next ships.

We observe the answer you gave to our Honourable Masters paragraph relating to the means of getting a number of [substantial] Merchants to reside within your [Bunds We] have been at a great expence in [. . .] secure the Merchants and [. . .] given all [. . .] Encouragements that could be reasonably [. . .] the rest depends upon their servants; and [they] doubt not it will be your care to see that [. . . & impartial] justice is administred to all your Inh[abitant]s, and that they are allowed a free [. . .] liberty of Trade: This appears to us [the most] probable means to induce those who [. . .] with you to continue and to encour[age] others to settle under your protection. They [. . .] expect greater advantages in the [. . .] Settlements; and if they can be [. . .] to pr[. . .] the same with you, we are willing to hope that in time the Trade will [increase] though it has hitherto [been but small we] can only recommend to you [that we should] encourage it as much as [. . .].

The two Men that retu[rned] from S^t^. Thomas's Mount were sent forwa[rd] again few days after.

Upon some motions of the Mo[rattas] the Country is again alarm'd & many of [the] Inhabitants come daily in here: We ho[pe it] proceeds only from a needless fear, and [that] the Nabob will be able to accommoda[te all] matters with the Morattas, but howev[er you] will do well to [keep upon you . . .].

We are
Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant
[Richard Benyon &c^{t}.]

Fort S^{t}. George
8th. November 1740.

No. 115

[To M^{r}. Charles] Simpson Esqr.
[Chief &[c^{t}. Coun]cil of [Vizagapatam].

Gentlemen

Two days after the date of our last (Duplicate of which is inclosed) [we] received yours of the 24th. Septr. when we can procure [the timbers] and planks you wrote for and as opportunity offers [. . .] send them to you & upon the return of the [. . .] Monsoon we shall send you the Broad Cloth &c^{t}. [you are] in want of.

In your next advise [. . .] what you call the annual Present for Upparra [for] as that is in truth a charge upon that Investment [we m]ust reckon it in when we compute the cost of that [cloth] you should also advise us what par[t of] our Investment come from [that place].

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
Willm. Monson.
George Torriano.

[Fort S^{t}. George
20th. November 1740.]

N°. 116

[To M^{r}. Ri]chard Prince
[Resi]dent at [Inger]am.

Sir

We wrote you last the 18th. Octo^{r}., and [. . .] received y^{rs}. of the 6th. of last month, The [. . .] you from Vizagapatam to take [. . .] & We have now only to add that We are

[Fort S^{t}. George
20th. November] 1740.

S^{r}. Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon
&c^{t}.

N°. 117

To M^{r}. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddepollam.

S^{r}.

We wrote you last the 18th. last M[onth] and what you wrote the 20th. came to hand the [. . .] Instant, We are surprized to read at the foot of [your] Letter that you have no more cloth brought [. . .] these Forty Bales, and that the most you [. .] you shall have by the End of November is as [. . .] than

Seventy, So small an Investment in a [. . .] you will not pay the charge of the Residency & if there be no prospect of doing more and better in [. . .] future we [much . . .] withdrawing it

[. . .] Accounts in the [. . .] the greater [. . .] before; [. . .] not guilty of the [. . .].

[We are]
S^R^.
[Your] affectionate Friends
[RICHARD BENYON].
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
[20TH. NOVEMBER 1740].

N°. 118

[To] THE WORSH^L^. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR . &C^T^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

WORSH^L^. S^R^. & S^RS^.

I am order'd by the President & Council to advise the Ten thousand Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow under charge of the usual number of Peons.

I am
WORSH^L^. SIR & SIRS
Y^r^. most humble Servt.
JOHN SAVAGE
Sec^ry^.

[FORT ST. GEORGE]
[1ST.] DECEM^r^. 1740.

N°. 119

To THE WORSH^L^. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^r^.
[DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^T^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r^. DAVID].

WORSH^L^. [S^R^. &] S^RS^.

The country being a [. . .] by the Morattas having again entered this Province [and] plunder'd [...] Towns; the President and Council [. . .] end for some days the supply of [. . .] you of yesterday by their Order.

I am very respectfully
WORSH^L^. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Serv^ts^.
JN^O^. SAVAGE
Sec^ry^.

[FORT S^T^. GEORGE
2^D^. DECEMBER] 1740.

N°. 120

[To THE] WORSH^L^. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^R^.
[DE]PUTY GOVERN^R^. &C^T^. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T^. [DAVID].

WORSH^L^. SIR & SIRS

We [sha]ll now reply to y^r^. severals [of the] 18th. November and [11th] Instant, with regard to [the] account [of] Y^r^. Investment to be [sent] to England [We] would have you [. . .] the [. . .] December [. . .] shall to ours here, and the sooner you send it in [. . .] annual letter & other Papers the better.

[We] intended to have sent you a du[plicate] cash [the beg]inning of last week but just as [. . .] were setting out We received advice that a lar[ge body] of Moratta Horse had entered these parts of the cou[ntry] and plundered Conjevaram and several other places; [. . .] could not think the Roads [. . .] we thought prop[er to] keep the Money [here . . .] further off [. . .] is not soon we shall send it you [. . .].

On the representation you give of [the] circumstances of Omar Nina Maulim & [the] service done by his Father Moulim Nina you have our permission to allow him a Pension of three Pagodas [₩] Month during his Life.

What we order'd with regard to [the] levying a Fine of Five hundred Pagodas on the left hand cast, was partly with design to punish [them] for the Murder [which] was commi[tted] by [. . .] at Cuddalore and partly to mak[e out] of them [. . .] how they run into such a [. . .] mutinous behaviour at the Beck of [those] in power. They [admit] plainly, and indeed by their own confession [the] aggressors in the [dispute] between the two casts, however as [the . . .] cast, are represented so [poor] that they [are unable] to pay such a sum [. . .] nevertheless we suppose you give us little credit to [. . .] and great difficulties are [. . .] money from thence. We have taken our former [. . .] into consideration and we now order that the sum of five hundred Pagodas be paid by Irsapa at once as the Person that first and principally [. . .] and to all the troubles [. . .] Firebrand th[. . .] we do not apprehend any [. . .] to the Company [. . .] Investment by this order [. . .] any thing in it that may be [. . .] to do [. . .] he has only himself [. . .] we appre[hend] the scandal upon [. . .] to be [. . .] if such [Tumults] and [Raids] are [. . .] and even Murder committed with [Immunity . . .].

With regard to your [Arrack . . .] which expired the 30th. ultimo we leave it to [. . .] to let it [. . .] in the Companys [. . .] you think will be [. . .] for their Interest.

Besides the Pags. 32, 24. . . . in your Letter of the 21st. October you must . . . Presidency Pags. 7, 14, 20 and a further charge . . . party of men then sent you.

We shall send you the [Guns] and Iron Guns you wrote for as opportunity [offers] and are

[Fort St. George]
[11th]. Decemr. [1740].

Worshl. Sr. & Srs.
Yr. affectionate Friends & Servants
Richd. Benyon
&ca.

No. 121

To the Worshl. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
[Deputy] Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. [David]

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

We have received your sever[al . . .] 6th. [. . .] 20th. Instant relating to [. . . Mo]rattas. The small parties [which] appear'd near the edge of your [Bounds . . .] We take it, Sidogee's Horse, and [. . .] independent of the other Gener[als . . .] joined by any of their Tro[. . .] attempt any attack upon [. . .] army under Fulla Sing and Rahgoje all our advices agree that they are [. . .] way to Tritchanopoly.

We shall in very few [. . .] to you either the Prince William or [. . .] and at the same time the Gunpowder [. . .] for: We wish also we could comply [. . .] other request, but the number of Men [. . .]

here are too few for our occasions in the [. . .] posture of affairs therefore there is a [. . .] you should the best shift you can [with . . .] you have, and station them where you [. . .] they will be of most service.

Let us know as [. . .] what number of Bales [you . . .] to fill up the ship we send to you, that we may reserve room for them.

We are
WORSHL. [SIR & SIRS]
Yr. [affectionate Friends] & Servts.

[FORT ST.] GEORGE
[26TH. DECEMBER] 1740.

P.S

[. . .] Sloop Carolina was not got out [. . .] the last Spring we hope it will [. . .] that she may come up with [. . .] thereby wind in order to her [. . .].

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

[. . .]

[FORT ST. GEORGE
26TH. DECEMBER 1740.]

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JNO. SAVAGE
Secry.

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